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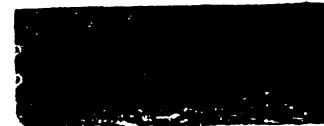
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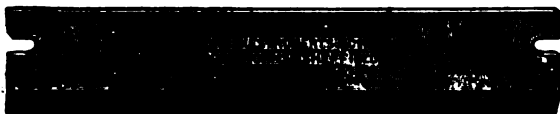
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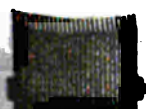
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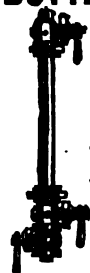
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The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 47.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore received from H.M. Consuls at various places, to illustrate their reports, which are among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11); samples of copper from the Besshi copper mine in Japan (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 23rd March last, p. 560); and also samples of cotton grown in Colombia (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd June, p. 544).

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Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 48.

OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

BRITISH INDIA.

The Board of Directors of the Burma Railways Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for—

Tools and Stores,

Paints, &c.

(a) Red and white lead.

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Openings for British Trade.

BRITISH INDIA—continued.

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The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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Rolling Stock receive tenders for rolling stock and permanent
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Openings for British Trade.

BRITISH INDIA—*continued.*

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Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's Offices, 48, Copthall Avenue, London, E.C., on payment of the fee for the specification, which payment will not be returned.

Tenders must be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Ghât Engines," or as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 13th July.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

According to the "Pioneer Mail," the Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce have addressed a communication to the Indian Railway Board on the subject of the inadequate supply of wagons on the East Indian Railway.

Railway Wagons.

The Committee understand that about 2,200 additional coal wagons have been asked for by the Railway Administration. Even if these are on the line by the end of the year, they are of opinion there will be no margin for expansion, and suggest the provision of at least 3,000 additional wagons before the beginning of next year.

CANADA.

The following were among the recent enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Offices, Victoria Street, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—Enquiry is made by a London firm for names of Canadian manufacturers of leather-boards.

A produce firm in London are seeking the representation of Canadian exporters.

A firm in the wholesale grocery trade interested in placing on the English market all kinds of food stuff, especially fruit and vegetables in tins and glass bottles, are seeking the agencies of Canadian exporters.

Canadian Enquiries.—A Montreal firm in the dry goods trade are desirous of taking up agencies for ladies' mantles, ready-made suitings, waterproofs and trimmings such as laces and braids.

A Montreal firm are desirous of securing the representation in Canada of manufacturers of linen and silk handkerchiefs, smoking jackets, fancy vests, hosiery, gloves, &c.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, Victoria Street, S.W.

Openings for British Trade.

CANADA—continued.

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Home Enquiries.—A manufacturer of locks and brass founders' goods wishes to do business in Canada.

A firm manufacturing hatters' fur and dealing in large quantities of rabbit skins would like to get into communication with Canadian makers of felt hats.

A firm dealing in jute goods are prepared to appoint a suitable Canadian resident agent.

A manufacturer of caps and cap materials would like to hear from Canadian importers.

Canadian Enquiry.—A manufacturers' agent in London, Ontario, is prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of china and crockery.

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Samples can be seen, and tender forms and schedules obtained, at the office of the Supply and Tender Board, Adelaide, where specification can be inspected. Copies of the specification may also be purchased, price 5s. per copy.

Samples can also be seen at the office of the Agent-General in London, 28, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., and specification and general conditions inspected there.

No tender will be recognised unless on the proper printed form; the Supply and Tender Board to have the right of accepting a portion or the whole of any tender.

Tenders should be endorsed "Tender for Service Pipes and Fittings."

The successful tenderer will be required, within seven days of date of notice of acceptance, to make a deposit equal to 5 per cent. of the total value of the accepted tender as security for the due fulfilment of contract.

Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

Openings for British Trade.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The "South African Trade Journal" (Cape Town) considers that the spread of the agricultural co-operation movement in South Africa, although confined at present to discussion of its possibilities and schemes for its application, must result sooner or later in opening up a large field for exploitation by the manufacturers of dairying and agricultural machinery.

In the case of dairying, for instance, while hitherto South Africa has offered very little demand for butter, cheese, and cream factories, small and in many cases most primitive appliances being employed by individual makers, as soon as the co-operative movement obtains a real working hold of the farming community, these factories will spring up in all directions.

The matter of cultivating with the aid of steam or other mechanical power producer is likely to receive increased attention before long. The large extent of the several areas cultivated in South Africa, as compared with Europe, is a factor making for success in this direction.

The "Journal" remarks that if Home manufacturers were to enter upon some scheme for impressing upon the farming population in the more progressive parts of South Africa the advantages to be derived by the employment of these methods, and informing the farmers how machinery of this kind can be obtained by co-operation when otherwise the expense would be too great, there should be a considerable resultant benefit to them.

MALTA.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by the Crown Agents for the Colonies that sealed tenders will be received at the office of the Receiver-General and Director of Contracts, Valletta, up to 11 a.m. on Friday, the 21st July next, for the supply of (1) cast-iron pipes and irregular castings and (2) cast-iron manhole covers.

Tenders received after the said date and hour will not be considered.

Tenders are to be accompanied by a deposit of 70*l.* in the case of (1) and 30*l.* in the case of (2), and are to be made in the office of the Crown Agents by tenderers residing in Great Britain, not having a representative in Malta, and in the office of the Receiver-General and Director of Contracts by local tenderers.

The tenderer whose offer is accepted shall be held to have bound himself to an agreement, and may be compelled to carry out the obligations arising from his tender, even though he may not have signed a formal contract.

Openings for British Trade.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Particulars, specifications, &c., may be obtained on application to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

EGYPT.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified that tenders will be received up to noon on 26th July by Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, London Agent of the Egyptian War Office, Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, S.W., for the annual clothing and sundries required by the War Department.

Particulars may be obtained, and samples seen, at Lieut.-Col. Western's office as above.

DENMARK.

The "Berlingske Tidende" of the 3rd July contains a notice calling for tenders for the delivery and installation of two electrically-driven goods-elevators for the Valby gasworks, in accordance with conditions and drawings, which can be examined at the Drawing Offices of the Ostre and Valby Gasworks, or can be obtained at a cost of 10 kroner (11s.), which is repaid provided a tender is sent in accompanied by the conditions and drawings.

Tenders, &c., must be sent in to the Director of Copenhagen Lighting (Direktoren for Kjobenhavns Belysningsvaesen), Vestre Boulevard Nr. 22, Copenhagen, by mid-day, 17th July.

NETHERLANDS.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. C. Robinson) that tenders will be received up to the 19th July, by the Netherlands Ministry for the Colonies, for the supply of the following material:—

**Metal
Superstructure
for Bridges;
Carriage Frames
and
Appurtenances.**

Contract No. Surinam VII.—The metal superstructure with appurtenances for ten bridges of ten metres opening.

Contract No. 395.—41 carriage frames on cradle trucks, with combined hand and automatic vacuum brake; 16 cradle trucks and other reserve parts for above-mentioned carriage frames and appurtenances, quite complete.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Mart. Nijhof, Bookseller, The Hague, on payment of one florin (1s. 8d.) for *Contract Surinam VII.* and of six florins (10s.) for *Contract No. 395.*

Openings for British Trade.

NETHERLANDS—continued.

The "Handels Museum" (Vienna) reports that an establishment for the testing of agricultural machinery has been started by the Government at the Agricultural College of Wageningen. Manufacturers' agents will be able to submit their machinery for testing and to request that their models may be brought to the notice of agriculturists. Manufacturers who are represented in the Netherlands will therefore be able to make their machinery and implements known through the medium of this institution.

BELGIUM.

The "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels) contains notices issued by the "Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer
Railway Plant. Vicinaux," inviting tenders, which will be opened (1) on the 2nd August for the construction of the sections Brecht to Oostmalle and Oostmalle to Herenthals of the local line Brasschaet-Brecht-Westerloo, at the estimated cost of 268,331 frs. (about 10,733*l.*): a deposit of 27,000 frs. (about 1,080*l.*) is required to qualify any tender; (2) on the 9th August for the construction of the local line Turnhout to Poppel (frontier) at the estimated cost of 144,501 frs. (about 5,780*l.*): deposit, 14,000 frs. (about 560*l.*); (3) on the 16th August for the construction to Turnhout of the local line Malines-Itegem-Westerloo-Gheel, at the estimated cost of 114,564 frs. (about 4,582*l.*): deposit, 11,000 frs. (about 440*l.*). Tenders, in sealed envelopes, should be addressed to the General Manager of the Company, at 14, Rue de la Science, Brussels, where specifications, plans, &c., may be inspected. A copy of the specifications may be obtained on payment of 1 franc in each case.

PORTUGAL.

H.M. Consul at Oporto (Mr. H. Grant) states in his recent report that the construction of the Upper Minho
Railway Railway has been put off as the contractors'
Material. engineers are completing the final surveys rendered necessary by some modifications made in the location of the line.

The Vouga Valley Railway is a projected railway from Espinho, on the North-Eastern line, to Vizen (about 92 miles) by Villa da Feira, Oliveira de Azemeis, Caima Valley, Carvoeiro and S. Pedro do Sul. The concession was given some time ago to a Portuguese gentleman, but it would appear that the financial support he expected was not forthcoming and was made dependent on certain modifications in the concession. These have now been agreed to by the Portuguese Government, and the construction may be looked forward to at no very distant date. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,418.*)

Openings for British Trade.

PORTUGAL—MADEIRA.

According to the "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels) of the 17th June, a proposal has been made by the Provincial Council of Madeira for constructing a line of railway along the coast of the island.

**Railway
Construction.**

ITALY.

H.M. Consul at Rome (Mr. C. C. Morgan) reports that the demand for muslin and other cotton goods in Central Italy continues to increase, in spite of the greater producing activity displayed by local manufacturers. The better classes of consumers generally prefer the British article.

**Cotton Goods,
Muslin.**

Mr. Morgan also says that woollen tissues for men's clothes are in request at Rome, especially if made in the United Kingdom. As a rule local tailors always recommend and supply to their customers materials from the United Kingdom, saying that they are the best, both as regards pattern and quality. The only obstacle to a larger consumption is the higher prices demanded for such goods when compared with quotations for similar materials locally produced or imported from Germany. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,416.*)

Woollen Goods.

With reference to the notice on p. 536 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd December last, and to previous notices respecting the construction of the Apulian aqueduct, it is noted that according to the "Bollettino delle Finanze" of 25th June, Messrs. Ercole Antico and Co., of Genoa, the successful tenderers for the work, have formed a company under the presidency of Signor Bombrini, a member of the Senate. Work will be commenced on the aqueduct as soon as the formalities of signing the contract with the Government are completed.

**Materials for
Aqueduct
Construction.**

BULGARIA.

Adverting to the notice published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4th May last, p. 197, it appears from a further notice received from H.M. Agent and Consul-General at Sofia (Sir G. Buchanan, K.C.V.O., C.B.) that, owing to the tenders received exceeding the estimated cost, fresh tenders are invited for the construction of (1) a line of railway from Tirnovo-Trevna-Barouchtitzza (about 230 miles), and (2) a line from Radomir to Kustendil and the Turkish frontier (about 340 miles).

**Railway
Construction.**

Openings for British Trade.

Tenders addressed to the "Ministère des Travaux Publics (Division des Constructions), Sofia," will be received up to the 21st July/3rd August for (1) and 26th July/8th August for (2), deposits of 700,000 francs (28,000*l.*) and 600,000 francs (24,000*l.*), respectively, being required to qualify any tender.

The conditions of contract, price 20 francs gold each, may be obtained from the "Division des Constructions" as above.

TURKEY—PALESTINE.

According to the report for 1904 of H.M. Consul at Jerusalem (Mr. J. Dickson), iron bedsteads and machinery were imported in considerable quantities during that year, and manufacturers of these articles would do well to give their attention to the matter.

Mr. Dickson alludes to the growth in the tourist traffic to Jerusalem, which, he says, is becoming a second Cairo in this respect. The result is that money flows into the country, and as the native population grows richer, building material and other necessities, as well as luxuries, of European manufacture are in demand, and trade with the United Kingdom and the Continent generally is stimulated.

According to the report of the Acting British Vice-Consul at Jaffa (Mr. J. Falanga), there is good reason to hope that the consumption of patent fuel will increase in future. A new lime factory on a large scale is about to be established in the vicinity of Jerusalem, with a new system of burning patent fuel instead of wood. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,410.*)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

H.M. Consul at Portland, Oregon (Mr. J. Laidlaw) states in his report for 1904 that the trade of that port in cement was large, nearly all the imports being either from Germany or Belgium. Best brands sold at 8*s.* 9*d.* to 9*s.* 2*d.* per cask in the Portland market. There was some competition with California cement, packed in bags, which is sold at 1*s.* to 1*s.* 6*d.* less. The latter is not generally considered equal to imported cement, but is likely to prove a potent factor in the trade. Heavy stocks are held at ports in the Portland district, but consumption has increased largely.

Mr. Laidlaw further reports that imports of plain earthenware in 1904 were nearly all British, and there was a considerable increase; but he notes that in decorated ware there was a decrease in the British trade and an increase in German, principally chinaware.

Openings for British Trade.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—*continued.*

The trade in jute bags and bagging was larger than in the preceding year, more being required on account of the increased production of wheat and hops in the district. Consumption of grain sacks has been estimated at 33,000,000, and of hop cloth fully 130,000 yards. A small proportion of these goods is manufactured from raw material in penitentiaries on the coast, but most of them are produced in India. The average price of bags, 22 by 36, was 11. 2s. 8d. per 100 bags; of double warp hop cloth, 4d. per yard; of wool bags, 11d. for 3½ lbs. weight, and 1s. for 4 lbs. weight. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,419.*)

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have received from the British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) copies of notices issued from the Office of the Purchasing Agent at Washington for the Isthmian Canal Commission, calling for tenders for the supply of (240) a system of pumps and engines for use at Cristobal, two steam pumps and three boilers for Colon water works, and two double cylinder hoisting engines and boilers complete for use at Cristobal; and (243) a destructor (or incinerator) at Bas Obispo. Sealed tenders in triplicate, addressed to the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on the 19th July for (240), and the 24th July for (243).

Specifications and full information may be obtained from the General Purchasing Officer at Washington. A copy of the specifications, together with blue prints showing plan of destructor, may be examined at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—PHILIPPINES.

According to a statement of the Belgian Consul in the Philippine Islands published in the "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels), the Municipality of Manila has been authorised to negotiate a loan of 800,000l. for a new water and drainage scheme. The supply of the water conduits alone is estimated to cost 150,000l., and will comprise large quantities of sheet steel for pipes, bolts, rivets, cast-iron pipes, cement, &c.

Openings for British Trade.

MEXICO.

H.M. Consul at Mexico City (Mr. L. J. Jerome), in a recent despatch, reports an opening in the State of Jalisco for all classes of agricultural implements, electrical appliances and machinery, and a good demand for general goods. The tax on commercial travellers, he says, has recently been removed.

H.M. Consul also forwards a list of the principal merchants and manufacturers of Guadalajara, the Capital of the State of Jalisco. This list, which includes the names of firms dealing in electrical appliances and machinery and many other classes of goods, may be consulted by British manufacturers or exporters interested on application at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico of 8th June, contains the text of a concession granted to Señor Telesforo Garcia for the construction and working, for 99 years, of a railway (914 millimetres gauge) from San Juan de las Huertas to Zacualpan, State of Mexico, passing through Temascaltepec, or Texcaltitlán and Sultepec. Five years are allowed for the free importation of materials and goods referred to in Article 74 of the Railway Law.

The "Diario" may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico of 9th June notifies an application by Señor Lucas Alamán, for the appropriation, for the production of motive power for industrial purposes, of 80 litres of water per second from the river Kalpujahua, in the State of Nixhacán.

CUBA.

The "Gaceta Oficial" of Cuba of 15th June contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply of a twin-screw steamer for the use of the Coastguard Service, at the maximum cost of 115,000 United States dollars (about 23,000*l.*), in accordance with conditions set forth in the "Gaceta." Tenders will be opened on 10th August in the Customs Department of the Ministry of Finance, Havana. A deposit of 5,000 dollars is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

Openings for British Trade.

PERU.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by H.M. Consul-General at Callao (Mr. G. Wilson) that tenders are invited by the Callao Municipality for the supply of materials for the drainage works of that city.

**Iron and
Earthenware
Drain Piping.**

The quantities required comprise 33,980 metres (lineal) of earthenware straight tubing from 6 in. to 18 in diameter, 4,818 metres branch tubing, and 656 straight cast-iron pipes for ventilation, 6 ft. long by 4 in. diameter, weighing 54 lbs. each.

Sealed proposals must be sent on or before 4 p.m. of 5th October, 1905, to the Secretary of the Municipality of Callao, marked "Desague-Propuesta para la provision de tubos, &c." Plans, specifications, &c., can be obtained from the Water Inspector of the Municipality, Callao, on payment of 10s. A copy of the conditions of tender may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

COLOMBIA.

According to the report of the British Vice-Consul at Barranquilla (Mr. J. Gillies), there is a good demand in Colombia for tinned meats, fish and potted meats, also tinned vegetables, fruit and biscuits. British lager beer is largely imported and has a good sale.

**Miscellaneous
Articles
in Demand.**

Ironmongery of all kinds and cutlery are in good demand. Barbed wire for fencing is chiefly imported from the United States. Large quantities of corrugated iron for roofing purposes are imported from the United Kingdom, and for the following articles there is an ever-increasing demand:—Iron and wire nails, iron and steel rods, ropes, tubing, asbestos packing, rubber packing, linseed and engine oil and pitch pine boards.

Large quantities of Portland cement are annually imported. Germany has the larger part of this trade.

There are several factories for the manufacture of soap, candles and perfumery, but, notwithstanding, there is an opening for British soaps of good quality. Candles are also largely imported from abroad.

A large business is done in ready-made clothing, and there is an opening for clothing of British manufacture, including men's underclothing, prints and domestics. There is a good market also for ready-made boots and shoes.

Mining machinery is being continually required, and there is every prospect of large quantities being imported in the future as new mines are now being opened up and developed. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,423.*)

Openings for British Trade.

CHINA.

The Acting British Consul at Pakhoi (Mr. Hughes) reports that the import of kerosene into that port continues to grow. It amounted last year to 1,326,240 gallons, of which, according to the Customs returns, 901,125 gallons were Russian. The construction of oil tanks for Sumatran and Borneo oil is contemplated. Borneo oil (50,060 gallons) and Burman oil (144,665 gallons) were imported for the first time last year. A direct importation from Batoum took place for the first time also, 15,000 cases being imported by a Norwegian steamer.

Mr. Hughes also reports that rubber shoes and boots are growing in popularity. Last year 3,579 pairs were imported. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,421.*)

**Oil Tank
Construction.**

**Rubber
Shoes and Boots.**

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS.

FRANCE.

A despatch has been received, through the Foreign Office, from the British Vice-Consul at Lille (Mr. J. E. Walker), transmitting the preliminary programme of an International Exhibition of Textile Industries, to be held at Tourcoing from the 1st May to 30th September, 1906.

This programme, which contains a classification of the groups and classes into which the exhibition will be divided, may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.). Further information may be obtained from Mr. Walker, the British Vice-Consul at Lille, or direct from the "Directeur General de l'Exposition, Hotel de Ville, Tourcoing."

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Consul at Prague (Captain A. W. Forbes), announcing that an exhibition of the joinery and furniture trades will be held at that city from 20th August to 30th September next, under the auspices of the Prague Chamber of

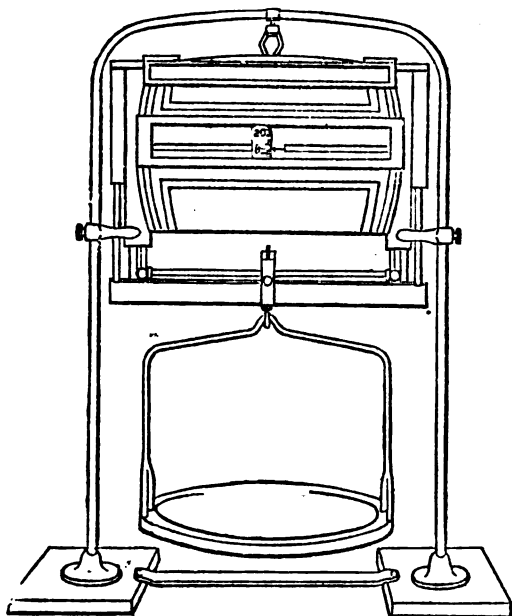
Commerce.

The Technological Museum of Prague will have an international section for motors, wood-working machinery, joiners' machinery, as well as everything appertaining to the joiners' and furniture makers' trades. Communications should be addressed to Herr Arthur Gobiet, Karolmenthal, Prague, Bohemia.

NOTICES UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1904.

The following are copies of Notices (Nos. 8, 9 and 10) giving the results of the examination and testing of certain patterns of weighing instruments &c., for use in trade which have been submitted to the Board of Trade under the provisions of Section 6 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904:—

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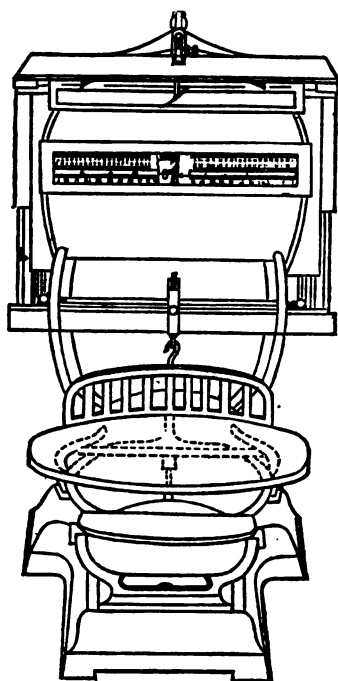
The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a weighing instrument known as the "Royal" Automatic Spring Balance, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, but as the result of the examination was not satisfactory, the Board have declined to issue a certificate of approval. The instrument in its mechanical construction is identical with the "Royal" Computing Spring Weighing Instrument referred to in the May Notice, with the exception that the back indicator is fixed to the drum instead of to the slotted frame, and the calculating arrangement is omitted.

Board of Trade, Standards Department,
Old Palace Yard, Westminster.

June, 1905.

Notices under the Weights and Measures Act, 1904.

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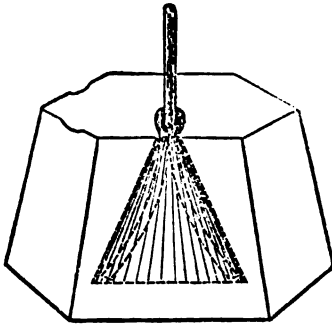


The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a weighing instrument known as the "Royal Majestic" Calculating Spring Balance, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, but as the result of the examination was not satisfactory, the Board have declined to issue a certificate of approval. The instrument, in its mechanical construction, is identical with the "Royal Majestic" Computing Spring Weighing Instrument referred to in the May Notice, with the exception that a value indicator is added.

Board of Trade, Standards Department,
Old Palace Yard, Westminster.
June, 1905.

Notices under the Weights and Measures Act, 1904.

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The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a weight, of hexagonal shape, denominated "1 Hecto, 100," submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, but as the result of the examination was not satisfactory, the Board have declined to issue a certificate of approval.

Board of Trade, Standards Department,
Old Palace Yard, Westminster.
June, 1905.

BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

Alexandria.—Writing on the subject of Continental competition in the import trade of Alexandria, the British Vice-Consul at that port (Mr. F. G. Freeman), in his recent report, says:—"The answer to the question why the United Kingdom is, or at any rate seems to be, gradually losing the largest share in respect of the total imports is perhaps to be found in the wonderfully prosperous condition of the country, in the greater attention that it consequently attracts among Continental manufacturers and merchants, and in the keener desire aroused on their part to enter so tempting a market. . . . The expansion is spread over all categories and almost all items, and the stock enquiry: 'Where are there openings for British trade?' can best be answered with the one word 'everywhere.'

"But at the same time I can only repeat the stock advice to manufacturers, jointly or singly, to have agents on the spot and to send more travellers. As the representative of a group of British firms remarked to me, the native tastes may not change, the same class of goods may be in demand for years, but nevertheless local requirements should be studied at the outset, and regular, periodical visits are necessary to ensure a hold on the market. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,397.*)

British Trade Abroad.

Corea.—In reference to the article on p. 401 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st June, the remarks of the Acting British Vice-Consul at Chemulpo (Mr. Harrington) regarding the share of the United Kingdom in Corean trade may be of interest.

Mr. Harrington states that the form in which the Customs returns are given make it a matter of considerable difficulty to ascertain the exact proportion of British trade. It is known that much British trade tranships in Japan and China ports and appears in the returns for those countries, and consequently the figures for the direct trade, which are very small, cannot be taken as any indication of the real amount. An effort has been made, however, to obtain an estimate based on other figures.

The total imports of British cotton goods in 1904 amounted to some 384,549*l.*, or about 41,000*l.* more than in 1895, the previous record year. This increase, however, is due to enhanced values rather than larger quantities. In the keen competition between British and Japanese cotton goods the former derived considerable advantage from the facts that, firstly, the Osaka mills were full of orders for the Japanese forces, and, secondly, that money being plentiful amongst the Coreans they were enabled to indulge their preference for the dearer, but more durable, Manchester article.

The total import of railway plant and material, according to the customs returns, was 472,951*l.*, and of this sum probably some 200,000*l.* worth was of British origin. The activity of railway construction during 1904, however, makes these amounts abnormal, and though, till the completion of the railways, imports will continue to be large, British trade under that head must expect to suffer a decline eventually.

Compared with cotton goods and railway material the other British imports are relatively small. Woollen goods, iron bars, galvanised iron sheets, candles, haberdashery, paint, paper and soda are among the principal articles, while considerable quantities of sugar come from Hong-Kong.

Mr. Harrington further calls attention to the growing importance of the Corean market, and says:—"When provided with money the Coreans are generally ready buyers. Hitherto this has depended mainly upon a good rice crop. The development of the country by the Japanese, however, will both give employment to large numbers of Coreans and thus increase their resources, and create increased demands by Japanese and Corean alike, while reforms in the methods of Government will also tend to encourage trade. There is good reason to suppose that 1904 will not long remain a record year; even as it is, Corea is well worth the consideration of British merchants and manufacturers, and with the prospect of considerable increase in the future, it is hoped that, despite severe competition, especially from Japan, a good share of Corean trade will remain in British hands." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,407.)

British Trade Abroad.

Persian Gulf.—The British Vice-Consul at Bushire (Mr. H. Richards) remarks in his recent report that it is very necessary all shippers to that port should as far as possible do their best to comply with the Persian Customs regulations before despatching their goods, and to this end it would be advisable for them to study these regulations. The principal points to be borne in mind are as follows:—(1) Invoices must be carefully and correctly made out showing the exact net and gross weight of article despatched, place of origin, cost and description; (2) such invoices should be despatched in time to reach their agent or consignee before the arrival of the goods in Bushire, so as to enable the consignee to make out correctly the very precise declaration form, &c., required from him by the Custom-house. The adoption of this procedure will save much extra time, trouble and expense.

Mr. Richards says further that steamship companies would do well to study the Customs regulations, and where possible endeavour to adapt themselves a little more than they seem to do at present to the peculiarities of the port of Bushire, its harbour, local regulations and loading arrangements. It is important, too, that they should show increased consideration for the cargo of the consignee.

H.M. Consul at Bunder Abbas (Lieut. W. H. Shakespear) also mentions the above points, and suggests that coverings of packages should be reduced to a minimum, most of the import duties being levied on gross weight. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,408.)

Central Italy.—In his report for 1904 on the trade of Central Italy, H.M. Consul at Rome (Mr. C. C. Morgan) gives a statement showing the value of the chief imports into Rome during the years 1900–04, and with reference thereto, remarks:—

“The above figures do not actually represent the bulk of British imports into Rome, as local importers very often get the goods they require from the representatives of British firms in other towns, chiefly in Milan, Genoa, and Turin, and consequently the British origin of such goods is not scheduled.

“The said figures point to a slight but progressive improvement during the last five years, and it is to be hoped that the increased exporting activity of firms at home, the greater adaptability which is being displayed by them, the employment of a larger number of commercial travellers and local agents, as well as the assistance which traders can obtain from the recently established British Chamber of Commerce at Genoa, especially in connection with the indispensable information required regarding the position of firms, limit of credit, &c., will prove helpful in promoting the trade relations between the United Kingdom and this country.” (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,416.)

MINERAL PRODUCTION OF QUEENSLAND.

The following details, extracted from the Annual Report of the Under Secretary for Mines (Mr. A. R. Macdonald) on the Queensland Mining Industry for 1904, supplement the statistics given on p. 219 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 4th May, 1905.

The value of last year's mineral production was 3,704,241*l.*, an excess over that of the preceding year of 18,148*l.*, and thus the largest hitherto recorded. This statement, however, hardly warrants the conclusion that the mining industry is in an exceptionally thriving condition, for an examination of the figures shows that under more than one head of production there has been a distinct decline. Thus the yield of gold has fallen off to the extent of 124,876*l.*; copper shows a deficiency of 27,226*l.*; lead of 19,079*l.*; and, although silver, tin, and coal have advanced rather than receded, last year's pre-eminence is really due to a large increase in the quantity of wolfram mined, and to the higher price obtained for that mineral.

Gold.—The most serious decline is in the gold yield, which of late years has maintained so high a level as almost to cause it to be regarded as a perennial stream of ever-increasing amplitude; and, although the mere fact that some diminution in its volume is now apparent, should of itself hardly afford cause for any grave misgiving, it is, nevertheless, true that the leading goldfields are experiencing a period of depression that appears to be unduly prolonged.

Silver and Lead.—The output of silver and lead is so largely incidental to the mining of other metals that any notice beyond a bare statement of the quantity and value of the year's production is apt to lead to needless repetition. The greater part of the year's supply has come from the Chillagoe smelters, which during the twelve months produced 357,196 ozs. of silver and 1,661 tons of lead, the lead furnace being chiefly fed by the Girofla Mine, at Mungana, and by the Crooked Creek Silver-lead Mine, near Almaden.

Tin.—By far the largest quantity of Queensland tin is derived from the lodes of the Herberton district, and of these the Vulcan, at Irvinebank, still maintains its unchallenged supremacy. The year's developments in this mine have been of peculiar interest. A drive from the 900-foot level encountered a large body of good ore, and has, for a distance of 27 feet, been extended through what appears to be a solid mass estimated to contain 12 per cent. of black tin. The actual dimensions of the body have yet to be determined by means of crosscuts, but the discovery is important as showing that here, as in older tin-mining countries, the ore persists at a depth.

Mineral Production of Queensland.

Copper.—Despite a deficiency of 27,226*l.* in the value of last year's production, the outlook for copper mining appears to be particularly promising, and the current year should witness a considerable expansion of this branch of the industry.

Wolfram, Molybdenite and Bismuth.—The largely increased consumption of wolfram in the manufacture of high-grade steel has created a demand that has met with a ready response in Queensland. Indeed, the Northern portion of the State appears to be one of the principal sources of the world's supply of the mineral; and, while the total output from 1894, when any mention of wolfram first appears in reports, up to the end of 1903, was 996 tons, valued at 30,894*l.*; last year's production, from the figures furnished by the Wardens, reached 1,539 tons, of a value of 161,635*l.*, the value of the wolfram ore actually exported during the same period being returned by the Customs at 96,000*l.*

Manganese.—Although manganese is by no means of rare occurrence in Queensland, the very limited local demand for the metal, and the difficulty of establishing an export trade in the face of formidable competition from the Caucasus and elsewhere affords small encouragement to attempt the development of the numerous manganese deposits that are to be found in the southern and central parts of Queensland. The only local market is the Mount Morgan Mine, and the requirements of the company are supplied by the Mount Miller Mine, at Gladstone, which last year produced 830 tons of manganese, valued at 3,540*l.*

Gems.—In furnishing some information respecting the condition of the opal market during the past year, Mr. T. C. Wollaston, the well-known Adelaide dealer, says:—"The period under review has been one of the worst known since opal mining became an industry—i.e., for the past fifteen years—not only in the deadly dullness of the home market, but in the quantity and quality of the stone raised"; and Mr. Wollaston's opinion is fully confirmed by the correspondents of the Mining Department on the various fields.

Coal.—Last year's production of coal reached 512,015 tons, valued at 166,536*l.*, an increase in quantity of 4,214 tons, and in value of 1,538*l.* The principal coalfield in the State is in the Ipswich district, and it is from the Ipswich mines that the increased production has been derived. Unfortunately the increased production has not been accompanied by a corresponding expansion of trade, and during last year few of the mines have, on an average, worked more than three or four days per week.

FOREIGN TRADE AND SHIPPING OF CHINA IN 1904

—(continued).

The following further particulars of the foreign trade and shipping of China in 1904 are in continuation of those published on pp. 594-7 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

III.—Exports—(continued).

Silk shipments increased to a satisfactory extent over 1903 figures, but in the important items of white and yellow reelings did not attain to the already lowered figures of 1902. The heavy reduction in the shipments of 1903 fell almost entirely on Shanghai, and in 1904 it was Shanghai which showed the greatest power of recuperation. In the total export of yellow silk (10,374 piculs), is included an item of 728 piculs from Tengyueh to Burma. For many years attempts have been made to bring home to Chinese producers a realising sense of the danger impending over the China silk trade. It has been pointed out to them that their worms are diseased; that, of a smaller cocoon, it now takes from four to six piculs and a much greater proportionate number to make the one picul of silk formerly made by three to four piculs of the larger and stronger cocoon of previous years, and that the remedial measures were ready to their hand. But both sound advice and practical proposals have fallen upon deaf ears. The fact that the silkmen of China can still sell their deteriorated silk, blinds them to the absolute necessity of doing something for the improvement of quality.

Straw braid increased from 80,723 to 86,110 piculs. A large portion of the increase came from an improved demand for the finer qualities, while the coarser grades were again distinguished by the same charges of irregular plaiting and fraudulent packing which have characterised the industry in recent years.

Raw cotton, the export of which suffered a slight check in 1903 owing to the high prices prevailing in the world's markets, again resumed its forward march, and shipments increased by 60 per cent. to 1,228,588 piculs.

Among minerals **antimony, ore and regulus**, coming mainly from the fields of Hunan, fell off a sixth, while **tin**, entirely the product of Yunnan, gave a satisfactory increase to 50,391 piculs. **Pig iron**, an infant industry, gives good promise, having risen from 1,485 piculs in 1903 to 201,848 piculs (12,000 tons) in 1904.

Sugar was again moderate in amount, 365,906 piculs for all kinds. **Skins and furs, feathers, hides, nankeens, oils** (expressed and essential), and **opium** are the principal other commodities to show much increase. The most marked decrease is in **oil seeds** (cotton, rape, and sesamum); the weather which gave such abundant crops of rice appears not to have been so good for these seeds, and the sharp rise in exchange doubtless lowered exporter's value below that at which producers would sell. **Matting** was exported to America in diminished quantity, owing to disputes between workmen and jobbers, while **Opium** was exported to Tonkin to the amount of 3,179 piculs.

*Foreign Trade and Shipping of China in 1904.***IV.—Foreign Trade by Ports.**

The following table shows the value for each 'Treaty port, of the net foreign imports (*i.e.*, the value of the foreign goods imported, whether direct from foreign countries, or from other Treaty ports, less the value of the foreign goods re-exported during the year), and of the total exports of native produce from each Treaty port in the years 1903 and 1904:—

Treaty Ports.	1903.		1904.	
	Net Foreign Imports.	Exports of Native Produce.*	Net Foreign Imports.	Exports of Native Produce.*
	Hk. Taels.	Hk. Taels.	Hk. Taels.	Hk. Taels.
Newchwang	20,319,859	19,981,589	19,241,607	12,159,486
Chinwangtao	5,064,670	2,376,673	5,836,591	3,312,602
Tientsin	37,463,822	11,819,289	36,178,019	14,895,379
Chefoo	17,411,980	13,515,397	12,773,142	12,686,154
Kiaochow†... ..	8,452,559	8,332,044	8,746,768	6,249,071
Chung King	18,073,339	8,276,796	14,687,791	10,952,028
Ichang	818,809	1,369,816	1,004,463	1,530,404
Shasi	1,621,716	685,385	1,193,751	622,043
Changsha	—	—	1,989,237	614,395
Yochow	1,520,468	1,356,581	1,015,203	898,816
Hankow	36,829,444	55,706,487	37,150,383	63,085,050
Kiukiang	10,341,137	11,693,701	10,565,854	12,302,165
Wuhu	8,676,833	13,189,382	7,672,032	13,306,930
Nanking	3,429,422	2,865,834	4,345,987	3,529,929
Chinkiang	21,073,263	6,726,263	17,710,383	8,381,625
Shanghai	39,205,714	65,042,104	45,288,100	80,187,434
Soochow	600,517	1,568,866	530,547	1,883,911
Ningpo	11,149,448	7,970,857	10,343,657	8,001,141
Hangchow	4,344,168	8,203,026	5,144,223	9,158,519
Wenchow	1,070,464	1,130,004	1,124,489	866,905
Santao	26,101	1,923,239	35,649	1,941,553
Foochow	8,059,007	6,630,057	8,511,437	7,217,002
Amoy	8,853,945	2,563,280	9,942,746	2,682,518
Swatow	14,084,518	11,912,479	14,300,051	14,664,863
Wuchow	5,347,566	2,627,591	7,512,488	3,277,791
Samshui	3,830,632	3,099,266	2,647,802	2,313,353
Kongmoon	—	—	1,603,905	937,844
Canton	23,633,179	48,700,516	25,959,120	43,361,489
Kiungchow	2,495,712	1,985,457	2,460,470	2,469,878
Pakhoi	1,924,563	1,493,791	1,869,606	1,122,423
Kowloon †	16,871,299	17,411,439	17,803,705	15,890,890
Lappa †	5,032,627	5,527,690	5,087,354	5,850,549
Lungchow †	115,221	17,193	293,180	102,346
Mengtz †	3,916,890	2,518,688	6,063,777	4,683,522
Szema †	168,942	35,825	221,753	45,230
Tengyueh†... ..	1,472,281	243,372	1,747,820	337,684
Total ... Hk. Taels.	343,300,115	342,999,977	348,603,090	371,522,872

* Inclusive of exports to other Chinese ports.

† In the case of these ports the imports are styled "Foreign goods inwards" and the exports "Native goods outwards."

In addition to the net *foreign* imports shown in the above table, the value of the net *native* imports for all the Treaty ports in 1904 was 163,073,177 Hk. taels, as compared with 161,312,323 Hk. taels

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in 1903. The values of the exports of native produce from each port given in the foregoing table include those sent abroad and those sent to other Chinese ports. In the returns under review these figures are not distinguished separately for each port, but the values of the total exports from all ports is stated to have been made up in 1903 and 1904 as follows:—

Exports.

From Chinese Treaty Ports.	1903.	1904.
Value of exports, abroad	Hk. Taels. 214,352,467	Hk. Taels. 239,486,688
" " home trade	128,647,510	132,036,189
Total exports ... Hk. Taels.	342,999,977	371,522,873

V.—Foreign Trade by Countries.

The following table shows the value of the imports (not deducting re-exports to foreign countries) into all the Treaty ports from and to the principal foreign countries in the years 1903 and 1904:—

From and To—	1903.		1904.	
	Imports (including re-exports.)	Exports.	Imports (including re-exports.)	Exports.
	Hk. Taels.	Hk. Taels.	Hk. Taels.	Hk. Taels.
United Kingdom	50,603,772	10,024,095	57,220,955	15,269,963
Hong-Kong*	136,520,453	89,195,605	141,085,010	86,858,017
India	83,856,203	1,944,043	32,219,712	2,386,781
Singapore and Straits ...	3,803,322	3,498,435	4,061,919	3,667,151
Australia, New Zealand, &c.	372,411	100,391	494,856	218,290
South Africa and Mauritius	—	52,497	2,243	98,279
British America	627,472	454,356	2,162,174	581,561
British Empire	225,783,633	105,269,422	237,246,869	109,030,042
Japan†	50,298,343	80,433,435	50,164,056	37,986,858
Europe (except Russia) ...	22,350,983	34,573,445	23,512,933	44,512,544
United States of America..	25,871,278	19,528,116	29,180,946	27,087,975
Russian Empire‡	2,355,000	12,777,967	4,467,476	5,056,362
Macao	2,484,993	4,661,254	2,894,593	5,058,741
French Indo-China	1,731,376	1,455,512	1,754,750	2,953,718
Corea	1,416,496	1,268,453	879,320	1,390,695
Other countries	4,561,032	4,384,863	7,343,720	6,409,748
Total	336,853,134	214,352,467	357,444,663	239,486,683

* The imports from Hong-Kong come originally from, and the exports to that Colony are further carried on to, the United Kingdom, America, Australia, India, Straits Settlements, and the Coast Ports of China.

† Including Formosa.

‡ Including Russian Manchuria.

NOTE.—The difference between the values of the total imports as given in this table, and those shown in the table on the previous page is explained by the fact that the figures in the above table only refer to the direct imports of foreign goods at each port from foreign countries, and omitting goods in transit to other China ports.

*Foreign Trade and Shipping of China in 1904.***VI.—The Tea Export Trade.**

The report also gives particulars of the export of tea direct to foreign countries. The total quantity thus exported for the last four years is stated to have been as follows :—

—	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
	Piculs.	Piculs.	Piculs.	Piculs.
Black	665,499	687,288	749,116	749,002
Green	189,430	253,757	301,620	241,146
Dust	972	973	657	8,856
Brick	293,522	570,037	618,458	447,695
Tablet	8,570	7,156	7,679	4,550
Total... .. Piculs	1,157,993	1,519,211	1,677,530	1,451,249
All kinds overland to Siberia and Russia from Hankow via the Han River and Fancheng... ..	58,931	31,834	5,631	2,706
Grand total { Piculs	1,216,024	1,550,545	1,683,161	1,453,955
{ Lbs.	162,137,000	206,739,000	224,421,466	193,860,666

The following table shows the countries of destination of all kinds of tea exported in the last two years—1903 and 1904 :—

Exported to—	1903.	1904.
British Empire—	Piculs.	Piculs.
United Kingdom	155,192	367,110
Hong-Kong	114,476	115,393
India	14,240	9,333
Singapore and Straits... ..	4,080	4,314
Australia and New Zealand	2,416	8,082
South Africa and Mauritius	4,429	1,673
British America	16,749	12,354
Total British Empire	311,582	518,259
Russian Empire—		
Via Odessa, Batoum, &c.	200,392	94,452
Overland via Kiakhta	246,050	327,184
Russian Manchuria	194,364*	2,520
Overland from Hankow	5,631	2,706
Dalny and Port Arthur	378,739	—
Total Russian Empire	1,025,176	426,863
United States of America	245,720	226,009
Europe (except Russia and United Kingdom)	63,877	211,846
Other countries	36,806	70,979
Total { Piculs	1,683,161	1,453,955
{ Lbs.	224,421,466	193,860,666

* All brick tea.

*Foreign Trade and Shipping of China in 1904.***VII.—Shipping at Treaty Ports in 1904.**

With regard to the shipping at the various Treaty ports, the following table shows the number and tonnage of the shipping (steamers and sailing vessels) entered and cleared at the Chinese Treaty ports in 1903 and 1904, distinguishing the principal nationalities:—

Flag.	1903.		1904.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
British	25,297	28,122,987	31,298	32,933,873
German	6,424	7,310,447	6,841	7,602,304
Japanese	7,554	7,965,358	5,755	4,290,350
French... ..	2,596	1,178,200	2,647	1,264,300
American	1,786	559,686	27,716	924,409
Swedish and Norwegian	1,803	1,239,854	1,596	1,404,648
Russian	765	569,903	81	56,279
All other foreign vessels	629	432,765	1,036	530,152
Total foreign vessels	46,304	47,379,180	76,970	49,006,735
Chinese shipping*	22,697	9,510,631	25,482	9,779,152
Chinese junk†	8,011	400,578	121,333	4,988,819
Total Chinese	30,708	9,911,209	146,865	14,767,971
Grand total	77,012	57,290,389	223,835	63,774,706

* Vessels of the foreign type owned by Chinese, and sailing under the Chinese flag.

† Vessels of native type, built and owned by Chinese, entered and cleared at the Imperial Maritime Customs. The figures for 1904 include Kowloon and Lappa shipping (55,539 vessels of 3,735,516 tons), which at Chinese Coast Ports enter and clear at the Native Customs. In 1903 these figures were not included.

VIII.—Share of the United Kingdom in the Trade of China.

The following table shows the predominant share which the United Kingdom holds in the total volume of the trade and shipping at the Treaty ports of the Chinese Empire, and in the dues and duties paid at those ports, as compared with other nations in the year 1904:—

	Tonnage employed.	Share of foreign and coasting trade.	Share of transit trade.	Duties paid on cargoes (foreign and coasting trade).	Tonnage dues paid.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
British	51·6	52·9	17·3	54·2	54·6
German	11·9	10·0	2·7	12·8	17·2
Japanese	6·7	3·9	1·6	3·2	4·1
All other foreign nations... ..	6·6	6·1	49·6*	8·0	18·3
Chinese	76·8	72·9	71·2	78·2	94·2
	23·2	27·1	28·8	21·8	5·8
	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0

* Chiefly trade in transit from Tientsin not distinguished.

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of Supplement No. 44 to the Customs Tariff Guide issued by the Customs Commonwealth Department of Trade and Decisions. Customs on 12th May, 1905, giving Customs decisions relating to rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into the Commonwealth.

The following are the principal decisions given :—

Articles and how classed.	Rates of Import Duty.
Bags, silver-mounted wrist— As bags (item 130)	20 % <i>ad val.</i>
Bags, for covering frozen lambs or sheep, partly finished, woven in the piece and invoiced at per piece— As bags and sacks	10 % "
Bars, locking, iron and steel, used in connection with pipe-making	Free (until otherwise proclaimed)
NOTE.—These are pieces of bar iron or steel of short lengths having a groove on both sides.	
Blinds, holland window (with lace edges) in the piece— As cosies, cushions, &c.	20 % <i>ad val.</i>
Bottles—Wine-bottles, empty. * The embossing of a trade mark thereon does not alter the character of the article or its classification for duty.	
Bronzing preparation, being a liquid size— As varnishes	1s. 9d. per gall.
* Cream, in tins— As milk, concentrated	1d. per lb.
Fittings, wrought-iron, for wrought-iron pipes, irrespective of size— As metals, pipes and tubes (iron and steel)	Free
Gas indicator and washer for aerated water manufacture— As glassware, n.e.i.	20 % <i>ad val.</i>
Labels, metal— As manufactures of metals, n.e.i.	20 % "
Ladle, smelting, for use in making large castings and used in conjunction with an overhead crane— As machinery, n.e.i.	12½ % "
Lamps— Gas (including (gas) vertical or inverted incandescent lamps for railway carriages)— As lamps and lampware	15 % "
Mercury vapour, electric— As machinery and appliances, n.e.i., electrical	12½ % "
Lightning conductors complete, consisting of copper tape, points, attractors, elevators, tubes, tape couplings, insulators, hold-fasts and copper points— As manufactures of metals, n.e.i.	20 % "
Lifts, electric passengers', with gear complete— As machinery, n.e.i.	12½ % "
Rules, wooden, with advertisements— As tools of trade	Free.
Scissors, folding nail, nickel plated, in leather bag— As bags, &c. (item 130)	20 % <i>ad val.</i>

* Revised decision.

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Articles and how classed.	Rates of Import Duty.
Soap, toilet, includes soap in bar form of fine quality, containing no free caustic alkali which is to be considered as toilet soap, partly manufactured	3d. per lb.
*Stone-marble, wrought, articles cut to size for special purposes, such as table tops, kerbs, &c— If sanded, rubbed, or otherwise worked— As stone-wrought, n.e.i.... ..	20 % <i>ad val.</i>
If in the rough or sawn merely— As unwrought marble	10 % "
Tenders for traction engines, being a tank on wheels for holding fuel and water— As machinery—Engines, portable and traction	Free.
*Tubes, composed of indurated fibre or of paper— As paper (free)	Free.
Tubes, spare parts for seltzogenes— As glass, n.e.i.	15 % <i>ad val.</i>
Yarn—wool, twisted, used exclusively in manufacturing floor rugs— As yarns, partly or wholly of wool... ..	5 % "

* Revised decision.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

A copy of the "Cape of Good Hope Gazette" for 26th May last has been received, containing a Customs Notice (No. 950 of 1905), issued on 22nd May by the Controller of Customs, and which amends the Regulations, under section 36 of Act 10 of 1872 and section 1 of Act 5 of 1905, relative to the control and management of bonding and bonded warehouses, and to the storage of goods therein, in the Colony.

These amended regulations may be seen by persons interested at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

With reference to the notice on p. 497 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 15th June last, respecting the proposed increase of duty on spirits for consumption in the Cape of Good Hope, the Board of Trade have now received a copy of the "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 2nd June last, containing the "Additional Taxation Act, 1905" (No. 26 of 1905) which was assented to on 1st June, 1905.

The Act in question provides that an Excise Duty of 6s. per proof

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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE—continued.

gallon* shall be imposed, with effect from 15th June, 1905, on foreign spirits sold, removed or disposed of in Cape Colony. The term "Foreign Spirits" is to exclude spirits manufactured in any Colony or Territory in the Customs Union from the growth or produce of such Colony or Territory.

The above-mentioned Act also provides for the continuation in force, till the 30th of June, 1906, of the Income Tax, chargeable under Part II. of the Additional Taxation Act 86 of 1904.

* The duty is increased proportionately if the strength is above proof.

BARBADOS.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the "Expiring Laws Continuation Act, 1905" (No. 10 of 1905) which was assented to by the Governor of Barbados on 22nd March last. The present Act continues, *inter alia*, the various Expiring Acts imposing Customs import and excise duties on various articles in the Colony, for another year, viz. to 31st March, 1906.

**Continuation of
Import and
Excise Duties to
31st March, 1906.**

CYPRUS.

A copy of the "Cyprus Gazette" for 19th May last has been received containing an Order-in-Council, dated 1st May, 1905, notifying that from that date the duty leviable on "vegetable oils" imported into Cyprus for use in the manufacture of soap shall be reduced from 2*l.* 4*s.* 4*c.p.* per 100 oke—provided that such oils are rendered unfit for alimentary purposes at the expense of the importer, and under the supervision of the Customs Authorities.

**Reduction of
Duty on
Vegetable Oils
for use in the
Manufacture of
Soap.**

The same issue of the "Gazette" contains an Order approving of a general bonded warehouse being established in the Customs stores at the Port of Larnaca in accordance with the provisions of the "Customs, Revenue and Excise Law of 1899." The regulations, which give details as to the rents chargeable on goods deposited in the Customs bonded warehouse when re-exported, may be seen by persons interested at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

**Bonded
Warehouse
Regulations at
Larnaca.**

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

GERMANY—GUATEMALA.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 118 of the "Journal" for the 21st April, 1904, relating to the prolongation of the Commercial Treaty between Germany and Guatemala, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a notice which appeared in the German "Reichsanzeiger" for the 10th June, announcing that the Guatemalan Government have again deferred the expiration of the Treaty to the 22nd June, 1907.

**Further
Prolongation of
Treaty.**

SPAIN.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 601 of last week's "Journal," relative to a Bill before the Spanish Legislature for the prolongation of the Customs régime established by the Swiss-Spanish Commercial Treaty, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Bill in question has passed both Houses of Congress, and now only awaits the Royal assent.

**Prolongation of
Customs Regime
established by
Swiss-Spanish
Commercial
Treaty.**

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

CAPE COLONY.

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of 9th June publishes a notice amending clauses 50 and 52 of the Port Elizabeth Harbour Board Tariff relative to pilotage and towage charges.

**Pilotage and
Towage Charges
at Port Elizabeth.**

Clause 50 states that pilotage is not compulsory at Algoa Bay. Sailing vessels engaging pilots beyond the three miles radius from the Port Elizabeth Hill Lighthouse are charged 12s. 6d. per 100 tons gross register, with the minimum charge of 5l. 10s. Sailing vessels engaging pilots within the three miles radius are charged 2l. 15s. Steamers engaging pilots within the three miles radius are charged 5l. 10s. for inward pilotage, and an additional 2l. 15s. if outward pilotage services are rendered. These charges include berthing pilotage. The service of the Harbour Board's steam tugs shall be rendered to vessels applying for the same, at a tariff varying from 12l. 10s. for vessels of 100 to 600 tons register, up to 27l. 10s. for vessels of 1,851 to 2,000 tons and over.

The "Gazette" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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NATAL.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have received from the Ministry of Railways and Harbours at Pietermaritzburg, a copy of a brochure which has recently been issued by the Natal Government, descriptive of the shipping facilities provided at Port Natal. Copies of this brochure have also been received from the Agent-General for Natal, and may be obtained, until the supply is exhausted, at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 73, Basinghall-street, E.C.

**Shipping
Facilities at
Port Natal.**

CHINA.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of a report by the Officer Commanding H.M.S. "Hogue" (Capt. E. G. Shortland) at Wei-hai-wei, from which it appears that the statements made as to the number of floating mines in the Gulf of Pechili are exaggerated.

**Floating Mines
in the Gulf of
Pechili.**

Capt. Shortland has caused investigations to be made with a view to ascertaining the reliability of the reports, and states that all the mines reported by telegraph or from other sources were plotted on a chart, and it was found that the positions of many of them by latitude and longitude were many miles inland. Other reports refer to the same mine drifting backwards and forwards and seen by different steamers, whilst many of the so-called mines are believed to be floating casks, logs of wood, &c.

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

CAPE COLONY.

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of 30th May contains a notification fixing the royalty on petroleum raised from all lands held under mineral lease in the Colony at sixpence (6d.) per ton of ore yielding not more than 50 gallons of petroleum per ton of 2,352 lbs., and a proportionately higher royalty on ore yielding over 50 gallons of petroleum per ton.

**Royalty on
Petroleum.**

SWEDEN.

H.M. Consul at Stockholm (Mr. A. S. MacGregor) states in his recent report that the Stora Kopparberg Company are increasing their works at Domnarfvet, and intend putting in a plant for rolling rails, girders, &c. This is an entirely new industry in

**New
Iron Industry.**

Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.

Sweden, as hitherto such goods have been imported from Germany or the United Kingdom. The output from this mill is expected to be 50,000 tons per year, and a steam engine for driving this plant, of 5,000 horse-power, is under construction. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,412.*)

PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

Regarding the new mining law which came into force in Manica and Sofala in December, 1904 (see "Board of Mining Industry of Manicaland. Trade Journal" of 2nd February, 1905, p. 229), H.M. Consul at Beira (Mr. R. C. F. Greville) says in his recent report that it is not felt that this Ordinance has done anything to foster the mining industry of Manicaland. It contains, it is true, a few modifications of the former regulations, but even if it were possible to carry its provisions into effect in their entirety, the result would probably be rather to increase than to diminish the heavy burden under which the mining community is labouring. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,422.*)

SPAIN.

According to the report of H.M. Consul at Cadiz (Mr. A.ⁿ L. Keyser) a mining company named El Salobral, whose head offices are in that city, have established a factory for making iron minium, using for this purpose the oxide of iron from their mines in Cordoba and Ciudad Real. A cyclone mill has been erected, and it is hoped that ultimately there will be a production of 10 tons a day. The minium is of fine quality and a good substitute for red lead. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,414.*)

TURKEY-PALESTINE.

H.M. Consul at Jerusalem (Mr. J. Dickson) reports that as regards minerals Palestine is quite undeveloped, but the Dead Sea is known to contain large quantities of asphalt, and the region around it extensive beds of salt, as well as phosphates, sulphur and even mineral oil. Nothing, however, has been done so far in the direction of developing the mineral wealth. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,410.*)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following figures, showing the production of iron and steel in the United States in 1904, with comparative figures for the preceding year, are taken from advance information supplied to the "Iron Age" (New York) by the American Iron and Steel Association:—

**Iron and Steel
Production.**

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Articles.	1903.	1904.
	Tons.	Tons.
Pig-iron	18,009,252	16,497,033
Spiegeleisen, ferro-manganese and ferro-phosphorus, included in pig-iron	192,661	220,392
Bessemer steel	8,592,829	7,859,140
Open-hearth steel	5,823,911	5,908,166
Crucible steel	102,434	83,391
Blister and patented steel... ..	9,804	9,190
Total steel	14,534,978	13,859,887
Open-hearth steel castings	400,348	302,334
Other kinds of steel castings	29,917	27,877
Bessemer steel rails	2,946,756	2,137,957
Open-hearth steel rails	45,054	145,883
Iron rails	667	871
Total rails	2,992,477	2,284,711
Structural shapes	1,095,813	949,146
Iron and steel wire rods	1,503,455	1,699,023
Plate and sheet iron and steel, except nail plate	2,599,665	2,421,398
Bar, bolt, hoop, skelp, rolled axles, rolled armour plate, &c.	4,952,185	4,597,497
All rolled iron and steel, including nail plate and excluding rails	10,215,220	9,728,670
All rolled iron and steel, including both nail plate and rails	13,207,697	12,013,381
Tin plates and terne plates	480,000	458,000
Cut nails and cut spikes	Kgs. of 100 lbs. 1,435,893	Kgs. of 100 lbs. 1,283,362
Wire nails	9,631,661	11,926,661

NOTE.—The ton mentioned above is the gross ton of 2,240 lbs.

JAPAN.

The "Japan Weekly Mail" publishes a translation of a Japanese law promulgated by Imperial Order on the 11th March relative to mining mortgages.

Mining Mortgage Law. Under its provisions a concessionnaire may create a mining estate in order to make it the subject of a right of mortgage. A mining estate may consist of either the whole or a portion of the following, which belong to one and the same concession in connection with mining: (1) Mining right, (2) land and buildings, (3) right of leases, subject to the consent of the lessor, (4) machinery and equipment.

The full translation of the law may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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COREA.

The Acting British Vice-Consul at Chemulpo (Mr. Harrington) states in his recent report that although during 1904 little progress was made towards developing the rich mineral resources of Corea, there is little doubt that this is one of the directions in which much activity will be shown in the near future. Several gold mining concessions are under consideration, and there has been a good deal of prospecting done for other minerals. Coal, which has already been mined to some extent, is now known to exist in five of the provinces, and one field in Kyeng Sang province is reported to have a seam 10 feet 9 inches thick. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,407.*)

YARNS AND TEXTILES.**CANADA.**

According to the report for 1904 of the Toronto Board of Trade, there is a project on foot for the establishment of an industry for the manufacture of linen at Orillia. This, it is stated, will be the first spinning of flax ever attempted in Canada, and the experiment will be followed with interest. The manufacture of linen has been tried in the United States with indifferent success.

RUSSIA,

H.M. Consul-General at Warsaw (Mr. Alex. Murray) has forwarded to the Foreign Office a report on the recent **Warsaw Wool Fair of 1905.** Wool Fair in that city, from which it appears that during the year 1904 matters improved considerably. The weather had been favourable and the clip had taken place under favourable conditions. Moreover, it was known that the factories had accepted considerable orders for woollen goods for which they would require large quantities of wool.

Practically all the wool left over from last year's Fair had been sold, only some 99,440 lbs. remaining still unsold.

The quantity of this year's wool put on sale at the Fair was 989,080 lbs., so that the total quantity for sale was only about 1,088,520 lbs., as much wool had already been sold before the Fair, and many owners held back their wool in the hope of higher prices later on.

Yarns and Textiles.

Business at the Fair, which was held on 15th and 16th June, was brisk and buyers were eager, but chiefly for medium and lower qualities of fine. For the finest qualities of wool there was no demand.

Prices ranged considerably higher than last year, as will be seen from the table given below, even unwashed and dirty wool being sold after the Fair at from 5½*d.* to 6*d.* per lb.

The total quantity on sale in each of the last four years was as follows :—

			lbs.				lbs.
1902	...	...	1,902,176	1904	...	...	1,510,531
1903	...	...	1,475,395	1905	...	...	1,088,520

The prices paid per lb. were :—

Quality.					1904.		1905.	
					From.	To.	From.	To.
Extra fine					None sold		None sold	
Fine I. × II.					14 <i>d.</i>	15½ <i>d.</i>	16½ <i>d.</i>	17 <i>d.</i>
Medium					12 <i>d.</i>	14½ <i>d.</i>	14½ <i>d.</i>	16½ <i>d.</i>

AGRICULTURE.**UNITED KINGDOM.**

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise
Corn Prices. in the week ended the 1st July, 1905, were as follow :—

Wheat	...	...	...	31 <i>s.</i>	8 <i>d.</i>
Barley	...	...	...	23 <i>s.</i>	2 <i>d.</i>
Oats	...	...	...	19 <i>s.</i>	7 <i>d.</i>

For further particulars see p. 39.

A statement is published on p. 40, showing the quantities of Imports of Agri- the various descriptions of agricultural produce cultural Produce. imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 1st July, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

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PORTUGAL.

**Vintage Prospects
in North
Portugal.** According to the report of H.M. Consul at Oporto (Mr. H. Grant) the outlook for the 1905 vintage in Northern Portugal is anything but promising. In the Douro district the vines are said to be showing great irregularity, some having only begun to show signs of bursting into leaf three or four weeks later than their neighbours. The shoots are in many cases thin and feeble, and the show of fruit small, this state of things being generally attributed to the excessive production of last year, and the want of rain. It seems already certain that this year's vintage cannot be a large one, and should dry weather continue, further serious damage will be done. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,418.*)

PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

**Cotton
Cultivation.** According to the report of H.M. Consul at Beira (Mr. R. C. F. Greville) much has been done by the Mozambique Company to develop existing agricultural resources, and a noteworthy increase in the value and quantity of the exports shipped during 1904 is observable. The experimental garden at Janga on the Sabi River continues to afford most valuable experience in the cultivation of plants new to the country; whilst, in addition, a large plantation of cotton has been established at Chirinda, about 10 miles from Chiloeane, which is now coming into bearing, and should afford in its results valuable information as to how far cotton growing in these territories may be considered a remunerative proposition. Since last year, when the results of the first experimental plantation at Neves Fereira were forwarded to Europe for examination and report, the price of the product has largely decreased, and although it would, of course, be premature to hazard an opinion as to the results of the various undertakings now commencing operations, the general feeling is that the cost and scarcity of labour, added to freight and other expenses, will in all probability reduce the profits of this industry to a very narrow margin. At the present time the amount of land upon which planting is proceeding, most of which is situated in the southern portion of the district, reaches approximately 1,100 acres. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,422.*)

ITALY.

**Proposed
Development of
Tobacco
Cultivation.** The "Bollettino delle Finanze" of 25th June states that a conference has been summoned, on the joint initiative of the Italian Ministers of Finance and Agriculture, for the discussion of the best means for developing the cultivation of tobacco in Italy.

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TURKEY—PALESTINE.

With regard to cotton growing in Palestine, H.M. Consul at Jerusalem (Mr. J. Dickson) reports that the experiments made during 1904 were, as far as they went, satisfactory, but they were not conducted on a proper system, and the results, therefore, were not as favourable as they might have been. The seed was sown too late in the year. Some plants, however, which were allowed to come to maturity, produced fine lint, especially the long staple plants, and have encouraged growers to try again this year on a more extensive scale. The best results were obtained, it is said, in the German colony of Wilhelma, where the soil is especially favourable. According to experts the Jordan valley is the most suitable part of Palestine, on account of the abundance of water and nature of the climate, for the cultivation of cotton, and it has already been proposed to utilise all the land in the neighbourhood of Jericho for this purpose.

On this subject, the Acting British Vice-Consul at Jaffa (Mr. J. Falanga) reports that with the aid of a British firm in Liverpool the natives have been induced to sow over 200 acres of land with different varieties of cotton seed for trial in different parts of the country. If these experiments give good results there is every hope that thousands of acres will be planted the year after. The local authorities promise to help the cultivators in every way. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,410*).

MEXICO.

According to a report by the Belgian Legation in Mexico City (published in the "Bulletin Commercial," Brussels), a rubber-producing plant known as "guayule" is being exploited in Mexico. It is said to grow in a wild state in the States of Sonora, Sinaloa, Zacatecas, Durango, and especially Coahuila.

From a cutting from the "Mexican Herald," furnished by H.M. Consul at Mexico City (Mr. L. Jerome), it appears that a new rubber plant from the State of Chiapas has been successfully treated by the same process as that used for the guayule plant.

A German importing firm are stated to have contracted for the purchase of the guayule rubber at 6½ marks per kilo.

BRAZIL.

H.M. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. C. B. Rhind) has forwarded to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade a cutting from the "Jornal do Commercio" stating that the Minister of Industry is now promoting the cultivation of the *Agave rigida*, varieties *Sisalana* and *Elongata*, with the object of obtaining supplies of hempen fibres within the country, and thus superseding foreign importations of cordage.

*Agriculture.***JAPAN—COREA.**

The Canadian Commercial Agent at Yokohama (Mr. A. MacLean) reports under date of 19th May that a Japanese association has been recently formed in Tokyo, under the style of the "Menka Saibai Kyokai" (Cotton Plantation Society), with the object of encouraging the cultivation of cotton. It has been decided as a first step to make experimental cultivation in Corea, and experts and labourers will be sent to the peninsula shortly. The selection of the experts has been entrusted to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. The Government, it is said, fully approve of the work of the Association, and their assistance is promised as far as possible.

Considering the large amount of raw cotton which Japan is annually importing, principally from the United States, it is not surprising, says Mr. MacLean, that the Japanese should turn their attention towards its cultivation. There are large tracts of land in Corea well adapted to agriculture, and the climatic conditions of the peninsula are, it is stated, not unsuited for plantations of cotton.

MISCELLANEOUS.**UNITED KINGDOM.**

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 29th June, 1905, **Cotton Statistics.** was 118,486 (including 100 bales British West Indian), and the number imported during the 26 weeks ended the 29th June was 2,303,966 (including 3,182 bales British West Indian and 1,462 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 29th June, 1905, 6,759 bales, and for the 26 weeks, 226,293.

For further details see p. 39.

GERMANY.

H.M. Consul at Mannheim (Mr. P. Ladenburg) in his report on the trade of Baden in 1904, after commenting on the progress of the trust system, says that a kindred movement to this system made considerable progress in 1904, viz., the concentration of leading banks either by amalgamation, or where that was not deemed feasible, by co-operation of capital and working, apparently a

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preliminary step to amalgamation. Coupled with the absorption or extinction of private banks, the movement is by no means regarded with public favour. Under the old system, banks and the public were in closer connection with one another, and there was also personal acquaintance. Under the new system this will hardly be possible, yet, on the other hand, there is the advantage of dealing with a large bank with plenty of capital. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,402.*)

BRAZIL.

The following table, showing the value of the imports and exports of Brazil from and to principal countries, together with the percentage of each, during the years 1902 and 1903, has been compiled from statistics given in a Supplement to the "Brazilian Review" of the 6th June:—

From and To	Imports.				Exports.			
	1902.		1903.		1902.		1903.	
	Value.	Per-centage.	Value.	Per-centage.	Value.	Per-centage.	Value.	Per-centage.
	£		£		£		£	
United Kingdom ...	6,552,811	28.15	6,859,002	28.33	6,323,742	17.35	7,128,170	19.33
British Possessions.	1,447,513	6.22	1,139,136	4.71	336,136	0.22	163,224	0.45
Germany ...	2,662,877	11.44	2,961,966	12.32	5,761,323	15.81	5,469,851	14.63
United States ...	2,851,743	12.25	2,731,928	11.29	13,484,327	37.01	15,200,592	41.21
France ...	2,044,618	8.78	2,132,471	8.81	3,795,532	10.43	3,483,866	9.45
Portugal ...	1,612,988	6.93	1,747,925	7.22	357,247	0.98	470,559	1.28
Other countries ...	6,106,868	26.23	6,505,383	27.32	6,379,239	18.21	4,866,913	13.45
Total ...	23,279,418	100.00	24,207,811	100.00	36,437,456	100.00	36,883,175	100.00

NOTE.—Import values are of goods delivered c.i.f. at Brazilian ports; export values are of goods delivered f.o.b. at Brazilian ports.

COLOMBIA.

According to the report of the British Vice-Consul at Barranquilla (Mr. J. Gillies) a large factory has been recently established there for the manufacture of artificial sandstone bricks for building purposes. This industry, he says, promises to be one of the most important of the country as the supply of raw material is inexhaustible, the geological formation for miles around Barranquilla being coral limestone covered with a stratum of sand varying from 4 to 10 feet in depth. The factory has a productive capacity of 1,000,000 bricks per month. Natural cement of a very good quality is in many cases found in the vicinity of the coral limestone. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,423.*)

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 26 Weeks ended 29th June, 1905 :—

	Week ended 29th June, 1905.	26 Weeks ended 29th June, 1905.	Week ended 29th June, 1905.	26 Weeks ended 29th June, 1905.
	IMPORTS. (Bales.)		EXPORTS. (Bales.)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
American	111,045	1,950,794†	5,871	160,161†
Brazilian	1,462	32,326	—	549
East Indian	742	25,664†	50	7,146
Egyptian	4,902	260,144	564	56,404
Miscellaneous	335*	35,038†‡	274	2,033§
Total	118,486	2,303,966	6,759	226,293

* Including 100 bales British West Indian.

† Corrected figures.

‡ Including 3,182 bales British West Indian and 1,462 bales British West African.

§ " 16 bales British West African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 1st July, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

—				Average Price.					
				Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
Week ended 1st July, 1905				<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
				31	8	23	2	19	7
Corresponding week in—									
1898				36	10	25	0	20	5
1899				25	7	21	9	18	1
1900				27	10	22	10	19	5
1901				27	8	21	9	19	10
1902				30	8	25	5	22	5
1903				27	9	20	7	18	6
1904				26	4	18	8	17	1

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 1st July, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

		Week ended 1st July, 1905.	Correspond- ing Week in 1904.
Animals, living :—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number.	12,883	11,172
Sheep and lambs	"	1,154	3,422
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	148	231
Fresh Meat :—			
Beef	Cwts.	92,885	90,674
Mutton	"	57,922	90,894
Pork	"	8,472	5,822
Salted or preserved meat :—			
Bacon	Cwts.	112,087	103,877
Beef	"	1,851	2,824
Hams	"	36,702	35,471
Pork	"	4,771	3,519
Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh	"	11,995	13,655
Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... ..	"	14,548	18,732
Dairy produce and substitutes :—			
Butter	Cwts.	75,746	92,177
Margarine	"	21,451	15,752
Cheese	"	56,086	55,845
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	—
" cream	"	201	295
" condensed	"	14,550	16,150
" preserved, other kinds... ..	"	9	153
Eggs	Grt. Hndr.	362,074	450,655
Poultry	Value £	1,268	5,278
Game	"	—	10
Rabbits, dead (not tinned)	Cwts.	146	250
Lard	"	36,857	46,289
Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—			
Wheat	Cwts.	1,831,000	2,079,000
Wheat meal and flour	"	113,700	279,400
Barley	"	144,400	477,800
Oats	"	582,100	240,000
Peas	"	51,284	36,780
Beans	"	15,090	9,830
Maize or Indian corn	"	694,000	1,106,800
Fruit, raw :—			
Apples	Cwts.	2,311	23,290
Apricots and peaches	"	2,097	1,619
Bananas	Bunches.	143,511	92,829
Cherries	Cwts.	29,263	26,908
Currants... ..	"	8,660	27,027
Gooseberries	"	6,338	4,546
Grapes	"	214	334
Lemons	"	80,852	25,981
Oranges	"	15,789	97,871
Pears	"	50	178
Plums	"	29	2,400
Strawberries	"	8,469	3,536
Unenumerated	"	5,611	7,420
Hay... ..	Tons.	1,917	3,152
Straw	"	1,841	2,633
Moss Litter. (Not shown prior to 1905)	"	1,426	—
Hops	Cwts.	44	711
Locust Beans	"	28,971	23,160
Vegetables, raw :—			
Onions	Bushels.	88,499	117,314
Potatoes	Cwts.	857,259	435,714
Tomatoes	"	40,912	51,023
Unenumerated	Value £	8,164	9,448
Vegetables, dried	Cwts.	727	4,029
Preserved by canning... ..	"	9,787	3,904

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of May, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that Volume I. of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country). The second volume will contain details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the June issue:—State of the Labour Market in May; Relief of the Unemployed; Changes in Agricultural Rates of Wages in 1904; Accident and Sickness Insurance in Austria; and Recent Conciliation Cases.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

ANNUAL.

No. 3,422. Trade of Beira, 1904.

Depressed condition of trade, due to falling-off of railway traffic.

Decrease of 47 per cent. in value of imports. Poor demand for textiles, clothing, provisions, &c., of superior quality.

Progress of trade in Indian manufactured goods.

Experiments in cotton cultivation.

Sugar and cocoanut planting.

Larger exports of rubber.

Comparative analysis of imports and exports 1903-04.

Government Publications.

No. 3,423. Trade of Barranquilla, 1904.

Improving commercial prospects.

Notes on import trade;

markets well stocked with dry goods.

Probable large demand for mining machinery.

No. 3,424. Foreign Commerce of Russia and Trade of St. Petersburg, 1904.

Effect of the war on commerce and industry; benefit derived by metallurgical industry and by dealers in and producers of war stores, clothing and equipment.

Increase in exports of food-stuffs and manufactured articles.

Notes on agriculture, including cotton.

Statistics of mineral production.

Prices of furs, provisions and various commodities.

Railway lines under construction, and projected.

Statistics of imports, exports and shipping.

This publication contains also reports by the British Vice-Consuls at Cronstadt, Abo, Archangel, Narva, Nikolaistad, Reval, Uleaborg-Kemi and Wiborg.

No. 3,425. Trade of Norway, 1904.

Falling-off in trade owing to unsatisfactory state of agriculture and fisheries, and of industries in general, excepting the pulp industry.

Heavy decline in importation of unground bread-stuffs, but increase in that of flour.

Diminution of nearly 500,000*l.* in export of timber.

Notes on the textile, mining and other industries.

Activity of German commercial travellers.

Estimated returns of imports and exports in 1904.

No. 3,426. Trade of Tangier, 1904.

British trade affected adversely by depression in native trade, demand having been only for bare necessities.

Prospects of good trade in

light furniture, tile bricks, and flour.

Returns of imports, exports and shipping with notes.

This publication contains also reports by the British Vice-Consuls at Larache and Tetuan.

No. 3,427. Trade of Brindisi and Province of Lecce, 1904.

Increasing production of cereals.

Exports of olive oil and wine.

Favourable results of tobacco cultivation.

Tables of imports and exports of the district of Brindisi, with notes. Returns of shipping at Brindisi, Taranto, Gallipoli, and Otranto.

*Government Publications.***No. 3,428. Trade of Curaçoa, 1902-04.**

Continued depression owing to insufficient rainfall and fear of disturbances in neighbouring Republics.

Possible opening for construction of a dock.

Trade returns, including export returns of Bonaive, Aruba, &c.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.*Railway Accidents. Part II. [Cd. 2,577.] Price 2s. 5d.*

This is Part II. of the returns of accidents and casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several railway companies in the United Kingdom during the three months ending 31st December, 1904, and consists of the reports on certain accidents which were enquired into during that period.

Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Mint, 1904. [Cd. 2,588.] Price 1s. 8d.

According to this report, the number of pieces struck at the Royal Mint in 1904 (exclusive of Colonial coinage) amounted to 50,113,437, of which 11,758,809 were gold, 13,681,476 were silver, and 24,673,152 bronze, as compared with a total of 64,625,305 in 1903. Including the Colonial coinage, which fell from 50,072,415 in 1903 to 45,024,000 in 1904, the total number of coins struck at the Royal Mint amounted to 95,137,437 in 1904 as compared with 114,697,720 in 1903.

The currency issues in 1904 and 1903 are shown in the following statement:—

—					1903.	1904.
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Gold coin	10,144,000	11,042,000
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Total	10,815,142	11,725,696

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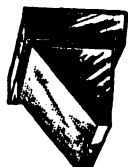
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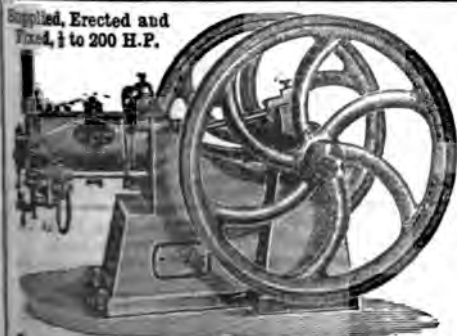
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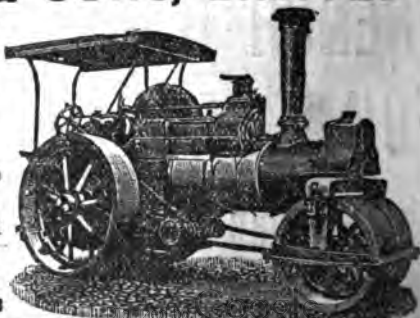
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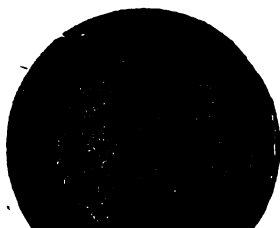
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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 95.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore received from H.M. Consuls at various places, to illustrate their reports, which are among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11); samples of copper from the Besshi copper mine in Japan (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 23rd March last, p. 560); and also samples of cotton grown in Colombia (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd June, p. 544).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 96.

OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

BRITISH INDIA.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company are prepared to receive, up to noon on Tuesday, the 18th July, tenders for the supply of the following stores, viz.:—

Railway Stores.

Openings for British Trade.

BRITISH INDIA—continued.

1. Brass boiler tubes,
2. Copper plates and rods (flanged and plain),
3. Metals,
4. Spiral and volute springs.

Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained at the offices of the Company, Gloucester House, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., on payment of 21s. each (which will not be returned).

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of:—

Mild Steel Plates,

Bars, &c.

Mild steel plates, bars, &c.,

as per specification to be seen at the Company's offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C.

Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Mild Steel Plates, Bars, &c.," not later than noon, on Wednesday, the 19th July.

The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

CANADA.

The following were among the recent enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the **Canadian Government Enquiries relating to Canadian Trade.** Offices, Victoria Street, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiry.—A Welsh firm manufacturing enamelled slate mantel-pieces and slabs, make enquiry respecting the demand for these goods in Canada.

Canadian Enquiries.—A Canadian correspondent has asked to be placed in communication with wholesale dealers in raw sienna.

Enquiry has been received from Montreal for names of English manufacturers of dental instruments and platinum plate.

A New Brunswick firm have requested to be placed in communication with wholesale druggists and others in a position to do business in spruce gum.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, Victoria Street, S.W.

Openings for British Trade.

CANADA—*continued.*

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Enquiries relating Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.**, whence further information to Canadian Trade. regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—A selling agent in Manchester wishes to represent Canadian manufacturers of builders' joinery, doors, mouldings, &c.

A Bristol firm ask to be placed in communication with Canadian manufacturers of casein.

Canadian Enquiries.—A Montreal manufacturers' agent is prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of jewellery and fancy goods.

A Montreal company would like to obtain a few agencies in machinery, metals, mill supplies, and construction materials.

A Canadian firm, shipping scrap steel rails and other old metals, wish to be placed in correspondence with United Kingdom importers.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

RUSSIA.

H.M. Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. O. Wardrop) reports that the sea canal from Cronstadt to St. Petersburg is to be deepened to 28 feet, and quays are to be built from the mouth of the Ekaterinhof rivulet to the entrance to the Canal.

**Canal and
Railway
Construction.**

Surveys have been made for a canal to unite the White Sea and the Baltic by way of Lakes Onega, Sego and Vogo along the River Vyga to its mouth at the roadstead of Soroki on the Gulf of Onega; the length of canal would be about 47 miles, but to give access to the ocean it is proposed to make a railway and a further canal to the harbour of Ekaterininsk. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,424.*)

NETHERLANDS.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by H.M. Consul at Amsterdam that tenders will be received by the Netherlands Ministry of the Colonies at the Hague up to the 2nd August for the supply of the following material:—

**Railway
Material.**

Contract No. 396: The substructure, with further necessary ironwork, for thirty flat long-timber waggons, with brake, &c.;

Contract No. 397: 200,800 warm rolled and zinced mild steel tirefonds;

Openings for British Trade.

Contract No. 398: 77,200 mild steel hook-bolts;
 Contract No. 399: 19,900 short bolts with nuts, and 73,720 long bolts with bolts and filling-rings; and
 Contract No. 400: 258,070 mild steel plates.
 Further particulars may be obtained on payment of 3 florins (5s.) for contract No. 396, and of 1 florin (1s. 8d.) for each of the contracts Nos. 397, 398, 399 and 400, from Mr. Mart. Nijhoff, bookseller, The Hague.

NETHERLANDS—CURAÇOA.

H.M. Consul at Curaçoa (Mr. J. Jesurun) considers that an enterprising promoter might find it possible to form a company to build a dock there, as the island's importance will be immeasurably increased by the building of the Isthmian canal.

Anyone willing to establish electric, steam or automobile tramway service, and fulfil Government requirements, will meet with no competition if arrangements can be entered into with the proprietor of the present line of tramcars drawn by mules, who, says Mr. Jesurun, will be unable to retain the new concession if he fails to adapt the present antiquated service to steam or to some other modern mode of conveyance. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,428.)

BELGIUM.

Referring to the notice on p. 580 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June, it is now stated by the Acting Consul-General at Antwerp (Mr. W. Lydcotte) that the adjudication of tenders for the construction of two buildings in the Government Bonded Warehouse has been postponed, and that the date of the adjudication will be announced later.

SWITZERLAND.

The "Feuille Fédérale Suisse" of 21st June contains decrees sanctioning concessions for the construction and working of electric railways to:—

Electric Railway Plant.
 1. The Municipality of Sigriswil for a railway between Gunten and Sigriswil, cost 260,000 fr. (about 10,400*l.*).

2. A company headed by M.M. Schöbi, Segmüller & Biroll, of Altstätten, for a railway between Altstätten and Gais, cost 1,100,000 fr. (about 44,000*l.*).

3. M. Elie Flotron, of Meiringen, for a railway from Meiringen to Grindelwald, and eventually to the Faulhorn, cost 5,320,000 fr. (about 212,800*l.*).

Openings for British Trade.

SWITZERLAND—*continued.*

4. M.M. aag & Greulich for a railway from Grindelwald village to the station of the projected funicular railway to the Mer de Glace.

The "Feuille" of 28th June contains a decree sanctioning a concession to the Lugano Electric Tramway Company for the construction and working of an electric tramway system in Lugano and the neighbourhood.

The "Feuilles" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

PORTUGAL.

The "Diario do Governo" of 6th July contains the report of a Commission appointed to enquire into the best methods of improving the port of Lisbon. The Commission are of opinion that fresh warehouses should be built, that a breakwater should be constructed at Santos, that improvement works should be carried out in the Alcantara dock, and that a permanent dredging service should be appointed, with provision for an annual expenditure of between 20,000 and 30,000 milreis. They recommend that these works, the cost of which they estimate at about 1,000,000 milreis (about 225,000*l.*) should be entered upon as soon as possible.

The "Diario" may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

SPAIN.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 29th June contains a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened thirty days after the publication of the notice, at the "Casas Capitulares," Calañas (Huelva), for the public lighting of that town by means of electricity during a period of ten years, commencing 1st January, 1906, at the upset price of 4,380 pesetas (about 132*l.*) per annum. One hundred lamps of 10 candle-power will be required. A deposit of 219 pesetas (about 6*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta" may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street,

Openings for British Trade.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.

tenders for the supply of (No. 244) 11 steel barges, and (No. 245) building material (cement, metal lathing, copper wire, roofing tiles, &c.). Sealed tenders in triplicate addressed to the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on the 27th and 29th July respectively.

Specifications and full information may be obtained from the General Purchasing Officer at Washington. Copies of the specifications may be examined at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

According to the "United States Government Advertiser," sealed tenders, in triplicate, will be received at the office of the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., until 10.30 a.m. on 31st July, 1905, for furnishing air compressors, pneumatic hammers, drills and boring machines, marine boilers, rubber hose, sheet iron, steel rivets, salinometers and salinometer pots. Specifications, forms of tender, and full information may be obtained from the office of the General Purchasing Officer at Washington.

The "Advertiser" also announces that the Isthmian Canal Commission will soon call for tenders for the supply of (1) two portable asphalt melting furnaces, provided with grates for burning either wood or coke; and (2) 500 complete sets of bedroom furniture for bachelors' quarters on the Isthmus.

In connection with the foregoing notices of contracts for the Isthmian Canal Commission, attention is directed to the article which appeared on pp. 593-4 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—PHILIPPINES.

Referring to the notice on p. 586 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of June 29th, H.M. Ambassador at Washington (Sir H. M. Durand, G.C.M.G.) has forwarded to the Foreign Office copy of the pamphlet issued by the Bureau of Insular Affairs, inviting tenders for contracts in connection with the Philippine railways, from which it appears that proposals will only be received from citizens or corporations of the United States or the Philippine Islands.

**Railway
Material.**

Openings for British Trade.

MEXICO.

The Mexican "Diario Oficial" of 13th June notifies an application by Mr. Henry Gray Harvey for an appropriation of 10,000 litres of water per second from the river Aros, Municipality of Temosachie, District of Guerrero, State of Chihuahua, for the production of motive power.

BRAZIL.

A communication has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, from H.M. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. C. B. Rhind), forwarding an extract from the "Jornal do Commercio" notifying the following resolutions passed by the Municipality of that City, and assented to by the Prefect:—

1. To substitute improved paving materials for those at present in use in a portion of the City.
2. To open a credit of 6,000 contos of reis (about 413,000*l.*) to provide for the partial renewal of the paving throughout the City.

CHINA.

In reporting the presence in Ceylon of a mission sent from China to study methods of tea manufacture in the island, the "Observer" (Colombo) calls the attention of British manufacturers of tea machinery to the probable increased market that may be opened up for their goods in the Far East.

JAPAN—NORTH FORMOSA.

The Acting British Consul at Tamsui (Mr. E. F. Crowe) states in his report for 1904 that the imports of bicycles into North Formosa are at present trifling, and they do not appear as a separate item in the Customs returns, but as several new roads suitable for cycling have been constructed and old roads repaired, it is not unlikely that the import may increase considerably in future, more especially as a new race track is now in course of construction at Taihoku. 410 machines were imported last year, at an estimated value of 2,200*l.* Of these, only 20 were of British manufacture. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,405.)

GERMAN TRADE WITH INDIA AND AFRICA.

H.M. Consul-General at Hamburg (Sir Wm. Ward, C.V.O.) states in his recent report that many shipping houses in Germany, after finding that North and South America had ceased to offer a sufficient field for their business operations, and finding the Far East too difficult a field, have of late turned their attention to India, where business is supposed to be comparatively easy. These German houses have been sending out travellers to India to collect orders from the native merchants; but inasmuch as the better class of the latter are already in business relations with old-established firms in India itself or in Europe, the German travellers in question have to content themselves with doing business with third and fourth rate native merchants; and as the business with such merchants is not remunerative, the travellers not only derive no profit, but frequently have to pay dearly for their experience.

With regard to German trade with Africa, Sir Wm. Ward remarks that German exporters already enjoy an advantage over British (and others) in the shape of the reduced through rates of freight from the interior of Germany to East and South African ports, an advantage which is, upon the whole, greater than the preferential treatment accorded by the South African customs tariff to British imports. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,393.*)

FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN JUNE, 1905.*

I.—GENERAL.

The trade returns for June, 1905, when compared with those for the corresponding month of 1904, show increases in the value of the **Imports** into the United Kingdom, in the value of the **Exports** of British produce, and in the value of the **Exports** of foreign and Colonial merchandise.

The value of the **Imports** in June, 1905, was 43,557,407*l.*, an increase of 360,623*l.*, or 0·8 per cent., as compared with June, 1904, whilst the total **Exports** amounted to 32,384,561*l.*, or an increase of 2,655,832*l.* The **Exports** of British produce alone show an increase of 1,915,627*l.*, or 7·9 per cent., as compared with June, 1904, whilst there is an increase of 740,205*l.*, or 13·1 per cent., in the **Exports** of foreign and Colonial merchandise.

II.—IMPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the **Imports** for June, 1905, as compared with the corresponding months of 1904 and 1903, according to the different categories of merchandise :—

* Reference should be made to the article on "Changes in the Monthly Trade Accounts for 1905," published at pp. 444-6 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th March, for information as to the changes which have been made in these accounts.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in June, 1905.***Imports from Foreign Countries and British Possessions.***

	Month ended 30th June.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903.
	1903.	1904.	1905.		
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	4,688,930	5,565,956	5,444,577	— 121,379	+ 755,647
B. Meat, including animals for food.	4,578,132	4,844,618	4,077,219	— 267,899	— 500,913
C. Other food and drink—					
1. Non-dutiable	5,625,911	5,503,328	5,083,205	— 420,123	— 542,706
2. Dutiable	3,156,979	3,161,084	3,081,447	— 79,637	— 75,532
D. Tobacco	289,964	253,260	242,432	— 10,828	— 47,532
Total, Class I.	£18,339,916	18,828,246	17,928,880	— 899,366	— 411,036
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke, and patent fuel ...	230	140	1,620	+ 1,480	+ 1,390
B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...	443,405	387,338	449,656	+ 62,318	+ 6,251
C. Other metallic ores... ..	574,455	426,923	640,165	+ 213,242	+ 65,710
D. Wood and timber	2,758,302	2,798,213	2,585,853	— 212,360	— 152,449
E. Cotton	1,847,120	1,883,692	3,638,694	+ 1,755,002	+ 2,291,574
F. Wool	1,863,039	2,066,824	1,909,885	— 177,939	+ 45,846
G. Other textile materials	833,127	725,684	873,373	+ 147,689	+ 40,246
H. Oil seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums	1,954,009	2,025,836	2,185,591	+ 159,755	+ 231,582
I. Hides and undressed skins	666,477	524,555	691,822	+ 167,267	+ 25,245
J. Materials for paper making	275,235	338,691	350,597	+ 11,906	+ 75,362
K. Miscellaneous	1,329,005	1,598,376	1,623,309	+ 24,933	+ 294,304
Total, Class II.	£12,024,404	12,796,472	14,949,565	+ 2,153,093	+ 2,925,161
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	692,504	749,419	614,359	— 135,060	— 78,145
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	1,434,263	1,909,775	1,431,756	— 478,019	— 2,507
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments	323,142	260,326	242,087	— 18,289	— 81,105
D. Telegraph cables and apparatus ...	3,522	1,672	1,389	— 283	— 2,133
E. Machinery	415,215	406,369	383,434	— 22,935	— 31,781
F. Ships (new)	5,336	1,831	2,356	+ 425	— 3,080
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	195,275	189,795	153,368	— 36,427	— 41,907
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton	567,897	522,366	552,150	+ 29,784	— 15,747
2. Wool	923,280	942,891	919,487	— 23,404	— 3,793
3. Other materials	1,536,167	1,582,706	1,349,927	— 232,779	— 186,240
I. Apparel	290,662	284,871	360,890	+ 76,019	+ 70,228
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	698,384	825,663	767,406	— 58,257	+ 69,022
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes and gloves)	668,022	851,130	877,406	+ 26,278	+ 9,386
L. Earthenware and glass	380,191	358,862	321,658	— 37,224	— 58,553
M. Paper... ..	397,461	399,130	400,753	+ 1,623	+ 3,292
N. Miscellaneous	2,025,231	2,124,120	2,139,462	+ 15,342	+ 114,231
Total, Class III.	£10,756,552	11,410,926	10,517,720	— 893,206	— 238,832
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi- fied (including Parcel Post)	£174,678	161,140	161,242	+ 102	— 13,436
Total value of Imports	£41,296,550	43,196,784	43,567,407	+ 360,923	+ 2,261,867

*The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

Comparing the values of the imports of articles last month

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with those of June, 1904, the chief increases and decreases are as shown in the following statement:—

Increases.			
£			
I.	A.	{ Oats	402,130
		{ Maize	113,587
	B.	{ Beef, fresh	60,503
		{ Bacon	64,339
	C1.	{ Eggs	55,898
II.	C2.	{ Sugar refined and sugar candy	174,994
	B.	{ Iron ore	56,947
	E.	{ Cotton, raw... ..	1,794,031
	G.	{ Flax, dressed and undressed	88,542
Decreases.			
£			
I.	A.	{ Wheat	437,516
		{ Wheat meal and flour	140,945
		{ Rice	58,541
	B.	{ Cattle	163,387
		{ Mutton, fresh	82,367
C1.		{ Hams	67,744
		{ Butter	284,851
		{ Apples, raw... ..	60,502
		{ Oranges	95,200
C2.		{ Coffee	114,977
		{ Sugar, unrefined... ..	52,358
		{ Tea	82,105
II.	H.	{ Cotton seed... ..	95,080
		{ Turpentine... ..	95,079
	K.	{ Caoutchouc... ..	96,533
	H1.	{ Cotton yarns and fabrics other than manufac- tured articles... ..	88,471
	I.	{ Apparel not water- proofed	66,703
Decreases.			
£			
II.	D.	{ Wood and timber, hewn	144,645
	F.	{ Wool	74,397
		{ Mohair... ..	80,734
	K.	{ Feathers, orna- mental	55,360
		{ Copper, regulus & precipitate	126,478
B.		{ Copper, unwrought & part wrought.	99,103
		{ Lead	102,548
		{ Tin	139,250
	H1.	{ Cotton manufac- tures... ..	58,687
H2.		{ Silk manufactures of all sorts	234,693

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz. :—

		Increase.	Decrease.
I.	A.	Offals of corn and grain in- cluding rice meal	£1,363 ... 7,150 cwts.
		{ Cheese	£3,752 ... 20,923 "
	C1.	{ Lemons	£2,450 ... 1,228 "
		{ Mineral water	£3,410 ... 3,739 doz. bottles
	C2.	{ Milk, condensed, sweetened	£5,383 ... 1,592 cwts.
II.		{ Sugar, refined, and sugar candy	£174,994 ... 212,067 "
	H.	{ Flax or linseed	£9,859 ... 56,133 qrs.
		{ Lac-dye, seedlac, &c.	748 cwts... £4,917
	B.	{ Zinc, crude	£15,217 ... 136 tons.
III.	C.	{ Watches	12,115 No. ... £2,070
	E.	{ Steam engines	55 tons ... £1,934
	J.	{ Alizarine and alizarine dyes	315 cwts... £1,916
	L.	{ Chinaware and earthenware	314 " ... £2,128
	M.	{ Paper, printed	875 " ... £2,767

III.—EXPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the Exports of British produce for the month of June, 1905, as compared with the corresponding month of 1904 and 1903, and the increase or decrease in each principal category :—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in June, 1905.***Exports of British Produce.***

	Month ended 30th June.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903.
	1903.	1904.	1905.		
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	132,145	137,465	254,496	+	116,971
B. Meat, including animals for food	53,058	61,435	63,541	+	2,106
C. Other food and drink	970,607	890,332	987,443	+	97,111
D. Tobacco	49,307	65,309	69,835	+	4,526
Total, Class I.	1,224,117	1,154,541	1,375,255	+	220,714
II.—Raw Materials and Articles					
Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke and patent fuel ...	2,215,378	2,454,396	2,100,678	—	353,718
B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...	61,653	36,612	47,963	+	11,351
C. Other metallic ores... ..	11,690	10,496	10,021	—	475
D. Wood and timber	3,837	8,123	4,613	—	3,510
E. Cotton	46,830	86,792	147,910	+	61,118
F. Wool	8,715	15,467	15,924	+	457
G. Other textile materials					
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats and gums... ..	213,426	227,932	188,816	—	39,116
I. Hides and undressed skins ...	91,226	98,337	125,523	+	27,186
J. Materials for paper making ...	34,737	36,736	36,293	—	443
K. Miscellaneous	112,699	126,011	131,796	+	5,785
Total, Class II.	2,799,691	3,100,902	2,809,537	—	291,365
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	2,631,752	2,405,591	2,527,528	+	121,737
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	484,210	535,866	710,043	+	174,177
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments	356,277	402,077	430,321	+	28,244
D. Telegraph cables and apparatus... ..	76,721	52,334	157,326	+	104,992
E. Machinery	1,675,847	1,914,838	1,900,873	—	13,965
F. Ships (new)	507,903	521,258	598,315	+	77,057
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	106,915	86,143	83,406	—	2,737
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton... ..	5,184,700	6,279,833	7,326,231	+	1,046,398
2. Wool	1,974,330	2,181,640	2,381,025	+	199,385
3. Other materials	954,311	1,022,731	1,008,492	—	14,239
I. Apparel	511,605	423,132	446,538	+	23,406
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	967,216	1,043,599	1,052,383	+	8,789
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves)	350,426	331,241	415,815	+	84,574
L. Earthenware and glass	254,298	240,203	242,760	+	2,557
M. Paper... ..	144,091	158,861	155,300	—	4,561
N. Miscellaneous	1,761,533	1,897,400	2,039,007	+	141,607
Total, Class III.	17,942,135	19,497,737	21,475,168	+	1,977,431
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) £	306,017	316,590	325,437	+	8,847
Total value of Exports of British produce	22,271,960	24,069,770	25,985,397	+	1,915,637

Exports of Foreign and Colonial Produce.

Total value	£	£	£	£	£
	5,850,852	5,658,959	6,399,164	+	740,205

* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship, and are known as the "free on board" values.

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Comparing the values of the exports of the principal articles of British produce and manufacture in June, 1905, with those of June, 1904, the chief increases and decreases are as follow :—

Increases.

						£
I.	{	A.	Bran and pollard	76,901
		C.	Spirits ... ..	...	...	58,821
II.	{	F.	Wool, sheep or lambs' ... ..	...	...	61,118
		A.	Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ...	...	...	121,737
		D.	Telegraph cables and apparatus... ..	...	...	104,992
		F.	Ships, new ... ..	...	...	77,057
III.	{	H ₁ .	{ Cotton yarn... ..	...	...	85,570
			{ " piece goods... ..	...	...	977,624
		H ₂ .	{ Wool tops ... ..	...	...	58,041
			{ Woollen tissues ... ..	...	...	53,957

Decreases.

						£
II.	{	A.	Coal, coke and patent fuel ... ..	...	...	353,718
		E.	Steam engines ... ..	...	...	68,451
III.	{	J.	Sulphate of copper ... ..	...	...	66,928
		N.	Arms, ammunition, and military stores ...	...	...	102,140

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz. :—

				Increase.	Decrease.
I.	{	B.	Cattle, live	£1,784... ..	221 No.
		C.	Sugar, refined and candy	£9,541... ..	2,803 cwts.
II.	{	B.	Iron ore	56 tons ...	£1,620.
		D.	Wood and timber	88 loads ...	£3,510.
		B.	Copper, unwrought and wrought	£36,770... ..	20 tons.
III.	{	H ₂	{ Woollen tissues	£53,957... ..	9,400 yds.
			{ Carpets	£4,339... ..	38,500 "
		H ₃	{ Linen yarn	£4,409... ..	46,500 lbs.
		L.	China ware and earthenware	6,882 cwts. ...	£10,093.

IV.—TRADE DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1905.

The following table shows the value of the Imports from foreign countries and British possessions during the six months ended 30th June last, as compared with the corresponding periods of the two previous years :—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in June, 1905.***Imports from Foreign Countries and British Possessions.***

	Six Months ended 30th June.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903.
	1903.	1904.	1905.		
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	29,355,891	33,379,712	33,096,066	— 181,636	+ 3,742,195
B. Meat, including animals for food	24,775,558	24,164,510	24,331,432	+ 66,922	— 544,121
C. Other food and drink—					
1. Non-dutiable... ..	29,311,735	31,110,800	29,173,106	— 1,937,694	— 133,639
2. Dutiable	19,918,140	20,923,366	21,519,978	+ 596,612	+ 1,601,836
D. Tobacco	1,929,215	1,988,357	1,779,732	— 208,625	— 149,483
Total, Class I. ...	£105,290,534	111,466,743	109,802,334	— 1,664,411	+ 4,511,800
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke and patent fuel ...	2,211	1,640	8,656	+ 7,016	+ 6,445
B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...	2,549,637	2,304,948	2,662,220	+ 357,272	+ 112,583
C. Other metallic ores... ..	3,026,707	3,423,049	3,770,684	+ 347,635	+ 743,977
D. Wood and timber	8,825,081	8,743,434	7,866,728	— 856,706	— 958,333
E. Cotton	33,099,598	25,728,912	25,017,878	— 711,034	+ 1,918,280
F. Wool	15,260,581	14,831,269	17,191,717	+ 2,360,448	+ 1,931,136
G. Other textile materials	6,156,996	7,440,795	7,515,447	+ 74,652	+ 1,358,451
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums	12,023,986	13,130,223	11,620,857	— 1,509,366	— 403,129
I. Hides and undressed skins ...	3,856,073	3,279,932	3,758,206	+ 478,274	+ 97,867
J. Materials for paper making ...	1,569,455	1,634,845	1,747,507	+ 112,662	+ 178,052
K. Miscellaneous	9,961,116	10,677,820	11,236,928	+ 559,108	+ 1,275,812
Total Class II. ...	£86,331,441	91,176,567	92,396,828	+ 1,220,261	+ 6,065,387
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	4,044,935	4,136,257	4,002,485	— 133,763	— 42,440
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	8,848,877	10,086,463	10,104,543	+ 18,080	+ 1,255,666
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments	2,215,460	1,968,889	1,737,583	— 241,306	— 487,877
D. Telegraph cables and apparatus... ..	30,140	16,485	30,510	+ 14,023	+ 370
E. Machinery	2,386,984	2,295,738	2,464,694	+ 158,956	+ 67,710
F. Ships (new)	20,797	9,855	8,773	— 1,082	— 12,024
G. Manufactures of wood and tim- ber (including furniture)	1,172,776	1,094,484	970,633	— 123,851	— 202,143
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton	3,979,371	3,336,362	3,785,143	+ 448,781	— 194,128
2. Wool	6,918,004	5,766,896	6,356,641	+ 589,745	+ 438,637
3. Other materials	10,826,267	10,134,347	10,106,209	— 28,138	— 220,058
I. Apparel	1,488,139	1,740,670	1,979,984	+ 239,314	+ 491,845
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	4,540,002	4,837,241	4,927,186	+ 89,945	+ 387,184
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves)	5,792,486	5,641,938	5,170,835	— 471,103	— 621,651
L. Earthenware and glass	2,366,496	2,184,822	1,992,519	— 192,303	— 273,977
M. Paper	2,896,357	2,435,643	2,460,887	+ 25,244	+ 64,580
N. Miscellaneous	12,300,876	12,498,478	13,709,244	+ 1,210,766	+ 1,408,368
Total, Class III. ...	£67,727,867	68,184,568	69,787,879	+ 1,603,311	+ 2,080,012
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi- fied (including Parcel Post)...	1,180,047	1,125,891	1,144,475	+ 18,584	— 35,572
Total	£260,529,989	271,983,771	273,181,516	+ 1,177,745	+ 12,601,637

* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

The value of the Exports of home produce and of foreign and colonial produce during the first six months of 1905, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1904 and 1903, is as shown in the following table:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in June, 1905.***Exports of British Produce.***

	Six Months ended 30th June.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903.
	1903.	1904.	1905.		
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	832,699	783,561	1,312,437	+	528,863
B. Meat, including animals for food.	286,753	318,391	344,415	+	26,024
C. Other food and drink	5,453,232	5,403,988	5,649,190	+	245,192
D. Tobacco	316,149	368,467	463,015	+	101,548
Total, Class I.	£ 6,788,833	6,869,420	7,771,047	+	901,627
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke, and patent fuel ...	13,245,348	13,356,529	12,641,836	—	714,693
B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...	257,538	235,289	248,189	—	14,900
C. Other metallic ores	66,900	71,807	61,427	—	10,380
D. Wood and timber	23,346	24,537	39,593	+	15,056
E. Cotton	—	—	—	—	—
F. Wool	472,120	579,528	704,314	+	124,786
G. Other textile materials	79,108	93,611	90,120	—	3,491
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums	1,593,362	1,468,558	1,261,274	—	307,284
I. Hides and undressed skins	762,549	729,431	903,846	+	174,415
J. Materials for paper making	207,392	211,627	261,936	+	50,309
K. Miscellaneous	806,100	845,623	930,426	+	84,803
Total, Class II.	£ 17,453,763	17,614,540	17,142,961	—	471,579
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	15,500,383	13,969,051	14,966,605	+	997,554
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	3,284,532	3,356,070	3,865,016	+	508,946
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments	2,199,946	2,369,098	2,451,562	+	82,464
D. Telegraph cables and apparatus ...	1,438,654	513,359	624,119	+	110,760
E. Machinery	9,336,325	10,301,813	11,000,016	+	698,203
F. Ships (new)	2,305,971	2,326,056	2,155,573	—	170,483
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	732,172	605,512	548,808	—	56,704
H. Yarns and textile fabrics— 1. Cotton	36,535,119	39,298,522	44,461,946	+	5,163,424
2. Wool	12,189,032	13,898,879	14,632,655	+	1,733,776
3. Other materials	5,982,309	6,141,697	6,215,914	+	74,217
I. Apparel	3,820,465	2,773,837	2,727,158	—	46,679
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	7,145,649	7,353,375	7,585,978	+	232,603
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes and gloves)	2,459,121	2,146,145	2,545,321	+	399,176
L. Earthenware and glass	1,585,636	1,512,513	1,524,657	+	12,144
M. Paper	887,255	952,218	958,969	+	6,751
N. Miscellaneous	10,872,923	11,251,919	12,351,154	+	1,099,235
Total, Class III.	£ 116,364,792	117,770,064	128,615,451	+	10,845,387
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi- fied (including Parcel Post) £	1,915,237	1,862,643	2,176,762	+	314,119
Total value	£ 142,532,625	144,116,667	155,706,221	+	11,589,554

Exports of Foreign and Colonial Produce.

	£	£	£	£	£
Total value	36,047,868	37,063,005	40,054,293	+	2,991,288
				+	4,006,425

* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship and are known as the "free on board" values.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in June, 1905.***V.—SHIPPING IN JUNE, 1905.**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during the month ended 30th June, 1905, amounted to 3,571,859 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 4,189,480 tons, as against 3,543,199 tons entered and 4,313,183 tons cleared in the month of June, 1904. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during June, 1905, amounted to 2,651,275 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 2,666,713 tons, as against 2,684,086 tons entered, and 2,624,042 tons cleared in June, 1904.

VI.—SIX MONTHS' SHIPPING (JANUARY-JUNE).

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during the six months ended 30th June, 1905, amounted to 18,811,786 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 23,994,186 tons, as against 19,162,651 tons entered and 23,676,882 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1904. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during the first six months of 1905 amounted to 15,975,163 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 15,736,107 tons, as against 15,836,291 tons entered and 15,528,973 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1904.

TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

The following summary table has been prepared in the Board of Trade, showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to April, 1905, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period, viz., the four months ended April. The corresponding figures for 1904 and 1903 are added for comparison :—

	Imports (<i>see Note that follows tables</i>). Four Months ended April.			Exports (Domestic) (<i>see Note that follows tables</i>). Four Months ended April.		
	1903.	1904.	1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Belgium*	31,847,000	35,399,000	37,352,000	24,280,000	25,556,000	26,963,000
France... ..	66,905,000	64,666,000	64,835,000	55,988,000	57,734,000	49,329,000
Spain*	11,140,000	10,939,000	12,234,000	10,395,000	11,060,000	10,210,000
Italy	24,590,000	26,004,000	26,059,000	20,619,000	18,831,000	20,222,000
Austria-Hungary ...	26,429,000	28,003,000	30,191,000	27,194,000	28,976,000	26,236,000
Egypt	5,253,000	5,932,000	6,609,000	7,483,000	8,944,000	7,209,000
United States... ..	73,273,000	72,184,000	84,899,000	102,330,000	100,346,000	101,888,000
Japan	11,819,000	12,572,000	18,324,000	8,207,000	9,176,000	9,679,000
British India... ..	18,493,000	20,416,000	21,305,000	33,818,000	38,671,000	36,042,000
Canada	15,163,000	15,436,000	16,028,000	9,699,000	8,453,000	8,482,000
United Kingdom ...	153,132,000	158,253,000	155,966,000	95,924,000	95,715,000	102,468,000

* Value of *principal* articles only.

Trade of Foreign Countries and British Possessions.

A comparison of the total figures for the five months ended 31st May is possible for four countries, as follows, viz.:—

	Imports (<i>see Note</i>). Five Months ended May.			Exports (Domestic) (<i>see Note</i>). Five Months ended May.		
	1903.	1904.	1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Belgium* ...	40,557,000	44,344,000	46,717,000	31,304,000	32,118,000	33,773,000
France... ..	82,978,000	78,261,000	81,982,000	70,040,000	71,889,000	75,675,000
United States ...	69,739,000	66,996,000	104,238,000	123,846,000	118,569,000	127,151,000
United Kingdom ...	189,064,000	197,371,000	195,940,000	120,251,000	120,047,000	129,721,000

* Value of *principal* articles only.

NOTE.—In the case of Belgium, France, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Egypt, Japan, Canada and *United Kingdom*, the import figures given in the above summaries represent imports for home consumption only, i.e., excluding re-exports. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however, they include a certain amount of "nationalised" goods, i.e., goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade, are as follow :—

	Imports.			Exports (Domestic).		
	1903.	1904.	1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Russia* (3 months)...	8,593,000	11,719,000	7,399,000	12,514,000	12,433,000	12,399,000
Germany (3 months)...	75,555,000	80,247,000	80,321,000	59,234,000	63,065,000	63,974,000
Switzerland (3 mths.)...	10,757,000	11,235,000	11,721,000	8,780,000	8,810,000	9,093,000
Portugal (1 month)...	1,014,000	1,131,000	1,235,000	536,000	525,000	503,000
Mexico† (3 months)...	2,529,000	2,565,000	2,770,000	2,340,000	2,949,000	3,133,000

* European and Black Sea Frontiers.

† The values of the imports are stated in gold, and the dollar has been converted into English currency at the rate of 4s. The values of the exports are stated in silver, and the dollar has been converted into English currency for the years 1903, 1904, and 1905, at 1s. 8d., 1s. 10d. and 2s. respectively. The figures for Mexico include bullion and specie.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the "Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions," including figures received up to 30th June, to be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

With reference to the notice published in last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting the imposition of an excise duty on Foreign Spirits sold in the Colony under the "Additional Taxation Act of 1905," the Board of Trade have now received a copy of the "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 9th June, 1905, containing certain spirit regulations, with effect from 15th June, 1905, made in accordance with the provisions of the Additional Taxation Acts of 1904 and 1905, and the Excise Spirits Act of 1884.

The present regulations, which are given *in extenso* and are in considerable detail, may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

EGYPT.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 24th June, contains the following revised Valuation Tariff* for use in assessing import duties on certain oils, colours, &c., which was to come into operation on the 22nd June, and will remain in force until the 21st October next, or until denunciation:—

Articles.	Valuation per Kilog. (net).†
	Millièmes.‡
Cotton-seed oil (prime summer yellow)	19½
" " refined	18
Linseed oil, raw	19
" boiled	20
Zinc white (1st quality), including "Vieille-Montagne" ...	23
" (2nd "), " "Nouvelle-Montagne" ...	<i>ad valorem.</i>
Red lead... ..	18
Cochineal	<i>ad valorem.</i>
Coco-nut oil, crude or refined.	"

* For particulars as to the nature of these Egyptian Valuation Tariffs, see "Board of Trade Journal" for the 19th March, 1903.

† Duty is levied on these valuations at the rate of 8 per cent.

‡ 1,000 millièmes = £E1 = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***RUSSIA—continued.**

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rates of Duty.		
		Under exist- ing Tariff.	Under new "General" Tariff.	As now altered.
110	Salts and preparations con- taining—	Rbls. cop.	Rbls. cop.	Rbls. cop.
	Silver	Poud 100 00	} Poud 100 00	Poud 12 00
	Gold or platinum ...	" 12 00		
[133]	[<i>Note.</i> —Ores containing more than $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of silver pay a surtax— For each unit per cent. of silver]	[Poud 1 20]	[Poud 1 20]	(<i>Note cancelled</i>)
148 (1)	Gold and silver in bars, or rolled in strips or sheets (with the exception of the thin leaves specified under section 5 of this paragraph)	(Gold) Free (Silver) Funt 3 00	(Gold) Free (Silver) Funt 3 00	} Free
[148 (3)]	[Silver and all alloys of silver (including alloys of silver with gold) con- taining more than 2 per cent. of silver, in bars or powder, or rolled in strips or sheets (with the excep- tion of the thin leaves specified under section 5 of this paragraph)] ...	[Funt 3 00]	[Funt 3 00]	
[<i>Ad.</i> 148 (3)]	[<i>Note.</i> —The duty specified in sub-division (3) shall be levied along the Asiatic as well as along the European frontier of the Empire. Along those parts of the frontier which border on coun- tries with which special conventions have been concluded, the duty shall be levied under the con- ditions provided in those conventions.] ... ..	...	...	(<i>Section cancelled</i>) (<i>Note cancelled</i>)

SPAIN.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 29 of last week's "Journal," relative to the Bill recently passed by the Spanish Legislature for the prolongation of the Customs regime established by the Swiss-Spanish Commercial Treaty, it is to be noted that, according to the "Gaceta de Madrid" for the 5th inst., the Royal assent has now been given to this measure.

The duties inscribed in Schedule B to the Swiss-Spanish Treaty of the 13th July, 1892, will accordingly continue to be applied to imports from countries entitled to most-favoured-nation treatment, until the 1st March, 1906.

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

SPAIN—*continued.*

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 1st July contains a Royal Order notifying that the average rate of exchange (premium of exchange on Paris) during the second fortnight of June was 32.19 per cent., and that the corresponding reduction in payments of Customs duties which have to be made in gold during the first fortnight of the present month is to be 24 per cent.

SPAIN—ITALY.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, information to the effect that the Italian Government denounced, on the 20th May last, the provisional Commercial Convention between Italy and Spain, established by exchange of notes on the 29th June, 1892. The Convention will accordingly expire on the 21st November next, after which date the first ("general") column of the Spanish tariff will be applied to imports into Spain from Italy.

GREECE.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 363 of the "Journal" for the 26th May, 1904, on the subject of the Bill then before the Greek Legislature requiring the payment of Customs duties to be made in paper currency, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a despatch from H.M. Minister at Athens, stating that the Bill in question has become law. In future, therefore, all Customs duties, except those fixed by commercial treaties, will be required to be paid in paper currency, at the fixed rate of exchange of 1 dr. 45 lep. to the franc.

Sir F. Elliot observes that the present market rate of exchange is about 1 dr. 25 lep. to the franc, so that the fixed rate of exchange involves a virtual surtax of about 16 per cent.

CUBA.

The following is the substance of some decisions affecting the application of the Cuban Customs Tariff which have recently been published in the Cuban "Gaceta Oficial":—

Cotton wick is dutiable under No. 112 of the Tariff at the rate of 1.30 dols. per 100 kilograms.

Articles exported for repair are to pay duty on re-importation at the rate of 20 per cent. on the value of the repairs, *plus* the additional duty imposed by the Decree of the 1st February, 1904.

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(See the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 3rd March, 1904, *et seq.*). Should the repairs be effected in the United States, they are to enjoy the benefit of the reduction accorded to products of the United States under the Reciprocity Treaty of the 27th December, 1903. (See "Board of Trade Journal" for the 31st December, 1903, pp. 640-3.)

Caps.—All kinds of caps, whether known as "*gorros*" or as "*gorras*," are to be dutiable under No. 313 of the Tariff at the rate of 26 per cent. *ad valorem*.

GUATEMALA.

With reference to the notice which appears on p. 78 of this week's "Journal," respecting the establishment of a bounty on the production and export of henequen in Guatemala, it is to be noted that, in accordance with Article III. of the Decree establishing this bounty, machinery imported for the treatment of henequen is declared free of all duties.

VENEZUELA.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Venezuelan Presidential Decree of the 22nd May, 1905, authorising the Carupano Custom-house to grant permits for the forwarding of imported merchandise by means of the coasting trade to all ports in Venezuela without exception. [Hitherto these facilities were limited to ports lying to the *eastward* of Carupano.]

The same Decree also re-imposes import duties on maize, black beans, and haricot beans (which were exempted from duty by a Decree of the 3rd January last.*) Importers are, however, entitled to the statutory periods of grace for sailings from abroad.

The same Decree further provides that maize, maize meal, beer, soap, candles, tobacco in any form, cigarettes, and other articles produced in Venezuela, when imported from abroad through the Pampatar Custom-house for consumption in the island of Margarita, are to pay the same Customs duties as at other Custom-houses. [The Decree which threw open the port of Pampatar to trade (†) imposed a uniform duty of 10 per cent. *ad valorem* on all imports at Pampatar for local consumption.]

The surcharge of 30 per cent. imposed on goods from the West Indies (‡) is also to be levied at Pampatar.

* See the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 2nd February, 1903.

† " " " " " 1st June, 1905.

‡ " " " " " 14th July, 1904.

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BRAZIL—PERU.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, information to the effect that the Commercial Treaty of 1896 between Brazil and Peru has been denounced, and went out of operation on the 18th May last.

The Peruvian Government have accordingly repealed the Decree of the 12th September, 1898, and the other resolutions issued for the execution of the above-mentioned Treaty; so that in future the navigation of Brazilian ships on the Peruvian waters of the Amazon and its tributaries, the importation of Brazilian merchandise through the Loreto Custom houses, the importation of merchandise into the Yavari region, and the exportation of rubber therefrom, are to be subjected to the laws, tariffs, and regulations of Peru.

PERU.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of translations of two Peruvian Decrees, one of which prohibits the importation of sugar cane seeds (*semillas*), and the other the importation of cotton seeds, unless these articles are accompanied by a certificate of the official entomologist of the place from which they are imported to the effect that they are free from all disease. Such certificates are to be verified by examination on importation.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

RUSSIA.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Ambassador at St. Petersburg (Sir C. Hardinge, G.C.M.G.), forwarding an extract from the "Novosti" of 3rd July to the effect that the question of connecting European Russia with Siberia by means of an uninterrupted waterway from St. Petersburg to Lake Baikal is said to have been decided in principle in the affirmative.

An interdepartmental Commission will assemble in August in order to come to a final decision in the matter, and will include, besides representatives of Government institutions, delegates from the steamship companies and Zemstvos of Eastern Russia.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from the Military Attaché to H.M. Embassy at St. Petersburg (Lieut.-Col. Napier) relative to the progress of the Orenburg-Tashkend Railway, from which it appears that in a total distance of 1,734 versts from Orenburg to Tashkend there are 78

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stations and 104 passing-places. Until the actual distances and dimensions of these crossing places are definitely ascertained it is not possible to gauge the capacity of the line with accuracy, but a total of 182 stations and crossing-places gives an average interval of $9\frac{1}{2}$ versts, or 6.3 miles, between each crossing. On the northern section an aqueduct and reservoirs have been built to obviate the necessity of conveying water daily by train. As soon, therefore, as sufficient rolling-stock is available, the capacity of this line should not be inferior to that of the Trans-Caspian Railway. The most interesting question remaining for time to solve will be to what extent the line has been secured from the action of floods. On the southern section the permanent way has been raised, extra bridges built, streams diverted, and lengthy dams constructed.

It is stated by H.M. Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. O. Wardrop) in his recent report that in the summer of 1904 the Hydrographic Department completely surveyed the western coast of the Yalmal Peninsula and White Island; the whole distance from Archangel to the mouths of the Obi and Yenisei is now charted and in favourable weather the voyage could be done in a week.

With respect to trade between the Black Sea and the Persian Gulf, Mr. Wardrop reports that during 1904 three voyages from Odessa to the Persian Gulf were advertised. Freight rates were from 1*l.* per ton for timber to 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for sugar, with an extra charge for Bagdad and the Tigris. The ports of call were Constantinople, Smyrna, Beyrout, Jaffa, Port Said, Suez, Jiddah, Jibutil, Aden, Muskat, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Basra. The Ministry of Finance framed special railway tariffs for goods destined for those voyages. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,424.*)

SPAIN.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 8th July contains a Decree summoning a Conference which will meet in Madrid on 24th July, under the presidency of the Minister of Agriculture, Commerce, Industry and Public Works, to discuss the possibility of revising the existing high rates for the carriage of goods on Spanish railways, and of increasing the facilities of transport. Representatives of national industry, to be nominated by the Chambers of Commerce, Agriculture, and Shipping, and other industrial associations throughout the country, are invited to take part in the Conference, while each railway will be entitled to send two representatives.

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

UNITED KINGDOM.

A formal investigation was held in the Victoria Hall, Hawkhurst, Kent, on the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th June, into the circumstances attending the explosion of a steam mangle which occurred in the Horns Laundry, Hawkhurst, on the 7th September, 1904. The Commissioners found the makers seriously to blame for imperfect construction of the machine, and ordered them to pay £100 towards the costs of the investigation. The firm who sold the machine to the laundry were also blamed for omitting to examine and test the machinery after repairs, and were ordered to pay £20. No responsibility rested with the owner of the laundry.

CANADA.

With reference to the notice published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16th March, p. 516, giving statistics of the production of pig-iron in Canada in 1904, the "Bulletin" of the American Iron and Steel Association publishes statistics, received direct from the manufacturers, of the production of steel ingots and castings and of all finished rolled iron and steel in Canada in 1904, from which the following table is compiled:—

	1903.	1904.
	Tons of 2,240 lbs.	Tons of 2,240 lbs.
Steel ingots and castings	181,514	148,784
Bessemer and open-hearth steel rails	1,243	36,216
Structural shapes	1,983	447
	Kegs.	Kegs.
Cut nails*	118,686	99,000
	Tons.	Tons.
Plates and sheets	2,450	3,102
All other finished rolled products	118,541	135,243
All kinds of iron and steel rolled into finished forms...	129,516	180,038

* Made by rolling mills and steel works having cut-nail factories connected with their plants.

The production of iron ore in Canada in 1904 amounted to 312,286 tons, against 235,977 tons in 1903, and the production of coal to 6,705,232 tons, against 6,824,999 tons in 1903. The figures for 1904 are subject to revision, but are substantially correct.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***RUSSIA.**

H.M. Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. O. Wardrop) reports that the question of classifying Donetz coal, and employing it to supplant foreign coal for use in the navy, has been much discussed during the past year. Donetz mine owners not unnaturally view with regret the importation of some 3,500,000 tons of foreign coal, coke and briquettes at Baltic ports.

A recent proposal is to build a fleet of 100 large colliers, at a cost of 4,000,000*l.*, to carry coal from the Azov and Black Seas to the Baltic, and on the return journey to monopolise nearly all the grain traffic from the Baltic to the North Sea ports. Given certain conditions (somewhat numerous), it is estimated that South Russian coal might then be delivered at Cronstadt at $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* per pound, say 1*s.* 4*d.* per ton, dearer than Northumbrian. The extended use of South Russian coal in the Empire has been due to protective railway tariffs. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,424.*)

FRANCE—MADAGASCAR.

The French "Journal Officiel" of the 25th June contains a notification stating that in view of the proposed new regulations respecting mining for precious metals in Madagascar, the Ministry of the Colonies have had under consideration the immediate revision of Article 6 of the Decree of 20th February, 1902, which provides for the closing of certain districts to prospecting, but does not make any provision regarding applications presented by explorers for permission to prospect.

A decree has therefore now been promulgated, in accordance with which requests from prospectors will be received, although merely for the purpose of fixing the priority of such applications and the eventual right of the applicant for obtaining permission to prospect.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Consul at Antananarivo (Mr. T. P. Porter), which should be noted in connection with the foregoing notice. Information having reached the Governor-General of Madagascar of the departure for that country of numbers of British prospectors from South Africa, His Excellency telegraphed Mr. Porter that mining operations were as yet insufficiently developed to warrant such an influx, and that wage-earning employment for miners was almost totally absent. The necessity of ample monetary provision on the part of prospectors is emphasised, and it is suggested that they should apply for reliable information to the Mining Department of the colony (Service des Mines, Tananarive) or to H.M. representatives in the island.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***ITALY.**

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" (Rome) of 2nd July reports the discovery of a rich layer of limestone at La Ferrola, Province of Cagliari, Sardinia, in close proximity to the coast. A large portion of the deposit appears to be suitable for the purposes of lithography.

YARNS AND TEXTILES.**INDIA.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the monthly return issued by the Indian Government, showing the quantity of cotton yarn spun, and of cotton woven goods produced, in each province in British India, and in the Native States, during March of each of the years 1903, 1904 and 1905, and in the twelve months, April to March, 1903, 1904, and 1905.

The following is a summarised statement extracted from the above return, giving particulars for the twelve months ended March, 1903, 1904 and 1905 :—

	Twelve Months ended March.		
	1903.	1904.	1905.
BRITISH INDIA, BEHAR, AND NATIVE STATES.			
Cotton yarn spun Lbs.	575,694,260	578,759,075	578,381,275
Cotton woven goods produced :—			
Grey goods { = Yards	100,635,221	112,347,786	130,057,424
Figured and coloured goods Lbs.	412,475,465	460,544,273	547,712,981
Hosiery "	19,946,196	23,276,291	25,581,677
Miscellaneous goods "	613,432	814,331	759,402
	1,381,060	1,605,764	2,398,052

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following statement, showing the exports of cotton goods (domestic manufacture) from the United States to the undermentioned countries during the five months ended May, 1904 and 1905, has been compiled from the official statistics issued by the United States Government :—

Yarns and Textiles.

To	Five months ended May.	
	1904.	1905.
Coloured and uncoloured cloths—	Yards.	Yards.
United Kingdom	846,010	1,434,310
France	—	—
Germany	45,159	36,206
Other Europe	424,150	648,647
British North America	3,966,785	3,902,552
Central America and British Honduras	9,749,042	11,969,209
Mexico	1,211,035	1,541,896
Cuba	2,505,330	7,380,633
Other West Indies and Bermuda	7,764,329	10,784,677
Argentina	1,065,351	2,020,213
Brazil	3,790,873	4,528,439
Chile	5,645,086	5,947,380
Colombia	5,148,541	4,151,943
Venezuela	2,865,378	3,421,096
Other South America	2,741,399	3,878,456
Chinese Empire	36,862,556	218,679,899
British East Indies	2,313,910	4,572,235
Hong-Kong	78,642	239,126
Japan	279,639	4,252,488
British Australasia	2,060,472	3,433,858
Philippine Islands	2,259,882	7,612,690
Other Asia and Oceania	10,337,694	8,862,935
British Africa	2,394,480	2,533,217
All other Africa	190,570	237,252
Total quantity Yards	104,596,293	312,069,336
Total value Dols.	6,477,128	18,975,847
Other cotton goods—	Dollars.	Dollars.
United Kingdom	500,202	401,538
Belgium	43,358	31,551
France	4,954	9,546
Germany	398,668	208,297
Netherlands	12,892	12,520
Other Europe	40,687	35,070
British North America	1,103,192	1,059,360
Central America and British Honduras	221,857	289,131
Mexico	209,566	278,387
Cuba	115,924	144,593
Other West Indies and Bermuda	115,286	103,484
Argentina	63,224	187,730
Brazil	34,021	33,188
Chile	9,705	8,361
Colombia	39,834	21,175
Venezuela	21,134	9,149
Other South America	16,876	19,854
Chinese Empire	14,420	155,531
British East Indies	3,469	1,801
Hong-Kong	12,682	7,640
British Australasia	166,654	182,876
Philippine Islands	32,259	33,260
Other Asia and Oceania	56,681	104,131
British Africa	57,825	116,500
All other Africa	5,828	5,652
Other countries	2,459	3,003
Total value Dols.	3,303,657	3,463,328
Grand total value of all cotton goods exported Dols.	9,780,785	22,439,175

*Yarns and Textiles.***GUATEMALA.**

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Guatemala (Mr. H. Harrison, C.M.G.), in a despatch to the Foreign Office, transmits a copy and translation of an official notice of a bounty on the cultivation and exportation of henequen fibre in Guatemala, and of the free importation of the machinery for use in this industry.

Subject to examination of the plantation by a Commission of Experts, bounties varying from 2,000 dols. for 10,000 to 30,000 plants, up to 8,000 dols. for more than 100,000 plants will be paid to cultivators, in two instalments, the first two years and the second four years after the date of planting.

Superior class henequen fibre when exported will likewise receive a bounty of 7.50 dols. a quintal.

NOTE.—64 dols. = £1.

JAPAN.

A recent report by the Canadian Commercial Agent at Yokohama (Mr. A. MacLean) states that the cotton spinning industry in Japan, which is of comparatively recent origin, has now become quite prosperous, giving employment to thousands of men and women.

The following table shows the amounts of raw cotton (ginned) imported into, and of cotton yarns exported from, Japan during the last five years :—

								Raw Cotton Imported.	Cotton Yarn Exported.
								£	£
1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,931,000	2,088,000
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,063,000	2,176,000
1902	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,987,000	2,018,000
1903	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,915,000	3,185,000
1904	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,246,000	2,967,000

AGRICULTURE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 8th July, 1905, were as follows:—

Wheat	32s. 1d.
Barley	22s. 11d.
Oats	19s. 6d.

For further particulars see p. 84.

A statement is published on p. 85, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 8th July, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

ITALY.

H.M. Consul at Brindisi (Mr. S. G. Cocoto) reports that the very favourable results obtained by the Italian Government in a series of experiments in tobacco cultivation extending over several years have caused a marked change to take place in the whole consideration of the subject. Hitherto the Tobacco Department permitted the cultivation of tobacco in certain clearly-defined districts, but the grower was tied down with extremely severe rules and regulations, which even included the enumeration of the leaves on the growing plants.

It is now in contemplation to permit certain landowners (who will give proper guarantee) not only to grow the tobacco, but also to dry and prepare the leaves, and finally to pack them ready for transmission to the tobacco manufactories.

A few years back the Department conceded to certain firms the privilege of growing, drying and packing Oriental qualities of tobacco for export in given areas near Tricase; the consequence was the immediate formation of groups of landowners who petitioned the government to be allowed to do the same, not only for export, but also for home consumption. These groups have become numerous, and at the present moment (May, 1905) a committee is sitting in Rome to discuss the question. (See p. 35 of last week's issue of the "Journal".)

If the proposed change is approved, H.M. Consul is of opinion that a considerable opening for capital and enterprise in the province of Lecce will occur.

The present year's crop will be similar to that produced experimentally in 1902 and 1903, but next year it is anticipated that under new regulations the production will be vastly increased on

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the lines above referred to. Mr. Cocoto sees no reason why the whole of the cigarette tobacco used in Italy should not be grown in the province of Lecce, which is eminently suited for the purpose, and, in addition, there would be ample margin for the production of large quantities for exportation. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,427.*)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

According to the 1904 report of H.M. Consul at Portland, Oregon (Mr. J. Laidlaw) there was a brisk demand for wool in that district all the year and at prices highly satisfactory to the growers. Stocks at the close of the year were practically nil. The clip was:—Idaho, 14,950,000 lbs., shrinkage 65 per cent.; Oregon, 14,500,000 lbs., shrinkage, 69 per cent.; Washington, 4,480,000 lbs., shrinkage, 68 per cent. Average prices of unwashed wools were:—Oregon Valley wools, 8½d. to 10d.; Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, 6d. to 8½d. Local mills use from 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 lbs.

The clip of mohair during 1904 was about 400,000 lbs. Prices were rather lower, averaging from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 4d. Demand was not as great as for some time past. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,419.*)

MISCELLANEOUS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 6th July, 1905, **Cotton Statistics.** was 34,421 (including 173 bales British West Indian and 214 bales British West African), and the number imported during the 27 weeks ended the 6th July was 2,338,387 (including 3,355 bales British West Indian and 1,676 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 6th July, 1905, 7,135 bales, and for the 27 weeks, 233,428.

For further details see p. 84.

A return showing the number of bales of cotton imported and exported, forwarded from ports to Inland towns, and returned to ports during the month and six months ended 30th June last, will be found on p. 83.

The total number of receiving orders gazetted in England and Wales during the month of June last was **Bankruptcy Statistics.** 401, as compared with 367 during June, 1904.

For detailed particulars see pp. 87-8.

Miscellaneous.

RUSSIA.

According to the report of H.M. Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. O. Wardrop) the discovery of a method for preserving the brilliancy of fish scales has led to their export from Rostov-on-Don for the last four or five years. The fish used are so small that nets of 5 to 8 millims. mesh are used. 72 lbs. of fish yield 14 oz. of scales, which are powdered with some preservative, packed in 10-lb. tins, hermetically sealed and sent by parcel post to Berlin, Stettin and Paris. About 8 tons have already been exported. The estimated cost price at Rostov is 2s. 1d. per Russian lb. of 14 oz., and the price in Berlin is said to be 8s. 4d. at least. The scales are thought to be used for the making of artificial pearls and similar articles. The trade is growing, and St. Petersburg, Warsaw, Vitebsk, and Astrakhan have begun to export. The fish seem to be caught during the close season, from August to November. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,424.*)

NETHERLANDS—CURAÇOA.

H.M. Consul at Curaçoa (Mr. J. Jesurun), in remarking that since 1897, although not abolished by law, the **New Chamber of Commerce.** Chamber of Commerce of Curaçoa has been suspended, states that under the provisions of a new Bill which has been adopted a committee of six merchants has been appointed to propose the changes which they consider useful and necessary to make in the existing law on the matter. The new Chamber has now been constituted and granted somewhat greater prerogatives than those which its predecessor possessed. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,428.*)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

In a despatch received at the Foreign Office, H.M. Consul at Trieste (Mr. J. B. Spence) states that the **Trade with Burma.** "Società Anonima Coloniale" (Colonial Trading Company, Limited) of that city, referred to in the report on the trade of the Consular District of Trieste for 1904 (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,328*), was founded there on the 1st of January last with a paid up capital of 3,000,000 crowns (125,000*l.*). The purpose of the society is to develop trade and industry in Burmah through their agencies in Rangoon, Moulmein, Bassein, and Akyab, and also to develop the several rice mills they own in that country. It is the intention of the Company to import into Europe from Burmah all kinds of Burmese products such as rice, beans, hides, wood, &c., and to export to Burmah, every description of suitable English and continental articles.

Miscellaneous.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

In the recent report by the British Vice-Consul at Seattle (Mr. B. Pelly) mention is made of experiments carried out by the Canadian Government which show that the Pacific herring, though smaller, contains more oil than the Atlantic herring. The Pacific herring is adapted for kippers and suitable for use within a limited time, but not for pickling in barrels for the reason that it will not keep as long as the best Scotch or Norwegian. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,419.)

PANAMA.

With reference to the notices which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16th March last, p. 523, and 11th August, 1904, p. 277, a communication has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from H.M. Consul at Panama (Mr. C. Mallet, C.M.G.), stating that an agreement has been entered into between the Republic of Panama, the Isthmian Canal Commission, the Panama Railway, and the four chief banking establishments in Panama, to supply the Republic, the Canal Commission, and the Panama Railway with Panama silver currency for all their wants on the Isthmus, and fixing the parity of the silver coinage of the Republic with the gold standard in all such transactions.

By this Agreement, the bankers* have bound themselves to accept all the bills of exchange drawn at sight on New York by the Republic, the Commission, and the Panama Railway, at the uniform rate of two silver pesos Panama currency for one dollar of United States currency. The bankers likewise have agreed to give their own sight bills on New York to the Republic, the Commission, and Panama Railway at the same rate (two silver dollars for one gold dollar), and will also furnish such amount of United States currency as either or all of the said parties named may specify, at the uniform rate of three quarters of one per centum United States currency above the face amount called for.

The bankers have furthermore agreed to sell to the public their own drafts or bills of exchange on New York at a rate not to exceed two hundred and three cents silver for each one dollar gold.

The Agreement is binding for one year from the date thereof (viz.: 29th April, 1905).

* Messrs. Ehrman & Co., Messrs. Isaac Brandon Bros., The International Banking Corporation, and the American Trade Developing Company.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.—June, 1905.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported, Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and Returned to Ports during the Month and Six Months ended 30th June, 1905, compared with the corresponding Periods of the Year 1904.

	MONTH OF JUNE.		SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE.	
	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.
IMPORTS.				
American	844,019	71,401	1,876,890	1,148,343
Brazilian	8,626	976	32,826	75,682
East Indian	2,674	22,494	25,666	141,438
Egyptian	24,265	21,134	251,497	231,691
Miscellaneous	6,749*	4,742	84,784†	30,377
Total	881,338	120,837	2,220,603	1,627,531
EXPORTS.				
American	16,101	15,746	153,126	141,673
Brazilian	42	—	549	3,552
East Indian	954	6,064	7,146	32,862
Egyptian	5,077	6,501	54,259	49,270
Miscellaneous	685	254	2,033	4,376
Total	22,809	28,565	217,113	231,733
FORWARDED FROM PORTS TO INLAND TOWNS.				
American	261,435	173,225	1,587,810	1,084,852
Brazilian	2,715	2,054	20,888	42,239
East Indian	1,854	9,697	15,848	56,325
Egyptian	24,527	21,960	178,365	168,112
Miscellaneous	8,157	2,467	18,855	22,218
Total	293,688	209,403	1,821,211	1,373,746
FORWARDED FROM INLAND TOWNS TO PORTS.				
American	615	150	1,684	1,953
Brazilian	—	—	—	—
East Indian	—	—	—	—
Egyptian	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	4	—	4
Total	615	154	1,684	1,957

* Including 780 bales British West Indian and 459 bales British West African.

† Including 3,176 bales British West Indian and 1,165 bales British West African.

Cotton Returns—continued.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 27 Weeks ended 6th July, 1905 :—

	Week ended 6th July, 1905.	27 Weeks ended 6th July, 1905.	Week ended 6th July, 1905.	27 Weeks ended 6th July, 1905.
	IMPORTS. (Bales.)		EXPORTS. (Bales.)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
American	28,067	1,978,861	4,830	161,991
Brazilian	—	32,326	—	549
East Indian	1,049	26,713	155	7,301
Egyptian	3,147	263,291	1,934	53,358
Miscellaneous	2,158*	37,196†	196	2,229‡
Total	34,421	2,338,387	7,135	233,423

* Including 173 bales British West Indian, and 214 bales British West African.

† Including 3,355 bales British West Indian and 1,676 bales British West African.

‡ " 16 bales British West African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 8th July, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

				Average Price.					
				Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
				s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Week ended 8th July, 1905	...	...	...	32	1	22	11	19	6
Corresponding week in—									
1898	...	...	...	37	1	24	1	20	10
1899	...	...	...	25	5	20	4	17	11
1900	...	...	...	28	7	23	2	19	1
1901	...	...	...	27	2	23	10	19	9
1902	...	...	...	30	10	24	8	22	10
1903	...	...	...	28	1	19	11	18	3
1904	...	...	...	26	6	19	8	17	1

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 8th July, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

		Week ended 8th July, 1905.	Correspond- ing Week in 1904.
Animals, living :—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number.	8,723	9,504
Sheep and lambs	"	898	4,812
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	235	358
Fresh Meat :—			
Beef	Cwts.	78,486	88,196
Mutton	"	26,675	64,718
Pork	"	8,228	4,415
Salted or preserved meat :—			
Bacon	Cwts.	111,698	116,851
Beef	"	2,004	2,595
Hams	"	28,150	33,710
Pork	"	4,788	6,288
Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh	"	9,954	12,897
Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... ..	"	6,928	11,677
Dairy produce and substitutes :—			
Butter	Cwts.	79,300	74,805
Margarine	"	18,978	14,813
Cheese	"	78,701	69,897
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	—
" cream	"	201	231
" condensed	"	18,186	13,869
" preserved, other kinds... ..	"	27	58
Eggs	Grt. Hndr.	480,866	292,311
Poultry	Value £	1,748	4,728
Game	"	860	33
Rabbits, dead (not tinned)	Cwts.	8,821	588
Lard	"	47,921	37,334
Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—			
Wheat	Cwts.	2,865,800	1,541,200
Wheat meal and flour	"	119,500	147,700
Barley	"	155,700	330,400
Oats	"	752,400	336,400
Peas	"	17,490	4,980
Beans	"	8,280	34,530
Maize or Indian corn	"	961,800	1,010,600
Fruit, raw :—			
Apples	Cwts.	8,787	15,396
Apricots and peaches	"	4,606	2,184
Bananas	Bunches.	149,227	119,111
Cherries	Cwts.	15,985	18,543
Currants... ..	"	21,264	31,289
Gooseberries	"	2,868	7,545
Grapes	"	279	444
Lemons	"	22,766	40,007
Oranges	"	2,849	51,274
Pears	"	183	968
Plums	"	654	8,179
Strawberries	"	1,179	1,071
Unenumerated	"	10,125	15,989
Hay... ..	Tons.	2,981	2,419
Straw	"	1,968	1,165
Moss Litter. (Not shown prior to 1905)	"	1,457	—
Hops	Cwts.	68	430
Locust Beans	"	20,840	3,320
Vegetables, raw :—			
Onions	Bushels.	42,755	72,381
Potatoes	Cwts.	249,068	368,129
Tomatoes	"	26,829	51,513
Unenumerated	Value £	7,926	6,912
Vegetables, dried	Cwts.	2,777	5,266
Preserved by canning... ..	"	2,834	1,913

Alien Immigration—June.

Statement showing the Number of Alien Passengers that Arrived from the Continent (whether in transit or not) at Ports in the United Kingdom during the Month and Six Months ending 30th June, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the previous Year.

(Compiled from the Alien Lists received by the Customs under Act 6 Will. 4, c. 11, sec. 2.)

Ports of Arrival in United Kingdom.	CONTINENTAL PORTS OF EMBARKATION.															
	Hamburg, Bremen, and Bremerhaven.		Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Antwerp.		Scandinavian Ports.		Finnish Ports.		Libau.		Dieppe.		Other Continental Ports.		Total	
	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.
(i.) Month ending 30th June.																
London ...	1,457	2,809	1,224	1,647	186	230	...	...	906	861	...	...	235	409	4,008	5,346
Grimsby ...	964	1,176	696	947	695	749	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2,356	2,872
Harwich ...	...	...	...	...	556	335	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	556	335
Hull ...	279	381	596	803	2,683	2,398	1,618	1,120	480	682	...	...	38	18	5,694	5,462
Tyne Ports ...	17	47	51	89	644	591	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	32	713	767
Leith ...	96	113	74	106	37	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	16	261	248
Newhaven ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,093	1,195	...	...	1,093	1,195
Other Ports ..	16	20	715	243	152	111	1	2	...	...	...	...	755	537	1,639	913
Total ...	2,829	3,946	3,356	3,835	4,953	4,487	1,619	1,130	1,386	1,533	1,094	1,196	1,083	1,012	16,320	17,078
(ii.) Six Months ending 30th June.																
London ...	8,466	8,150	6,867	5,280	708	843	...	...	3,047	2,617	...	...	2,259	1,144	21,342	18,634
Grimsby ...	5,971	4,837	4,401	7,844	5,964	4,872	...	...	...	...	2	2	3	...	16,341	16,355
Harwich ...	...	...	...	...	5,100	3,745	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,100	3,745
Hull ...	1,625	1,908	2,797	2,987	18,347	15,951	12,013	3,743	2,319	2,401	...	...	227	449	37,338	27,433
Tyne Ports ...	135	166	189	272	4,765	4,119	...	158	...	...	...	...	35	50	5,124	4,765
Leith ...	277	394	570	544	247	175	...	...	...	...	...	...	348	274	1,442	1,387
Newhaven ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,424	7,884	...	19	7,424	7,363
Other Ports ..	144	158	2,319	1,243	1,003	744	1	25	1	2	1	...	7,405	4,338	10,874	6,510
Total ...	16,618	15,007	17,143	18,170	36,129	29,849	12,014	3,926	5,367	5,020	7,427	7,886	10,277	6,274	104,975	85,532

NOTES:—(i.) ALIENS IN TRANSIT.—The above totals include Aliens in transit, but the number of such Aliens cannot be stated, as particulars on this point are not required by law to be furnished. At some ports, however, it is the usual practice to state on the Alien Lists the number of Aliens known to be "en route to other countries." The total number so described in June, 1905, was 8,750, compared with 7,953 in June, 1904. In the six months ending June, 1905, the number was 60,480, compared with 46,943 in the six months ending June, 1904. These figures, however, are incomplete for the reasons stated, and many Aliens not described in the Alien Lists as "en route to other countries," are in fact, known by special enquiry, to have been also in transit.

(ii.) SAILORS.—The number of sailors included with the Aliens not described in the Alien Lists as *en route* to places out of the United Kingdom in the month of June, 1905, was 1,112, and 1,042 in the same month of 1904; in the six months ending June, 1905, the number was 7,215, and in the same months of 1904 the number was 6,430.

(iii.) SCOPE OF THE RETURNS.—The ports from which Alien Lists are received are Aberdeen, Belfast, Blyth, Bristol, Cardiff, Dover, Dublin, Folkestone, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Granton, Greenock, Grimsby, Harwich, Hull, Kirkcaldy, Leith, Liverpool, London, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Newhaven, Newport, North Shields, South Shields, Southampton, Sunderland, and West Hartlepool. The lists received from Dover, Folkestone, Harwich, Newhaven, and Southampton show only deck passengers, and persons who, after landing, proceed by train as third-class passengers.

Bankruptcy.—England and Wales.

Number of Receiving Orders Gazetted in the under-mentioned Periods and in the under-mentioned Principal Trades and Occupations.

	June.		Six Months ended June.	
	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.
Total gazetted... ..	No. 401	No. 367	No. 2,490	No. 2,284
Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations :—				
Grocers, &c.... ..	80	20	172	152
Publicans and hotel keepers, &c.	22	22	159	128
Builders	20	34	146	170
Farmers	22	10	125	32
Bakers	18	15	79	77
Greengrocers, fruiterers, &c.	12	8	70	60
Boot and shoe manufacturers and dealers ...	9	11	64	52
Butchers	17	16	62	59
Drapers, haberdashers, &c.	9	11	60	68
Decorators, painters, plumbers, &c.	9	4	59	38
Tailors, &c.	6	6	47	42
Coal and coke merchants and dealers ...	9	6	47	31
Agents, commission and general	4	2	45	21
Fishmongers, poulterers, &c.	8	6	43	34
Auctioneers	12	4	88	22
Confectioners	5	—	29	20
Corn, flour, seed, hay, and straw merchants and dealers ...	1	4	26	29
Travellers, commercial	3	2	26	18
Jewellers, watchmakers, silversmiths, &c. ...	6	3	25	30
Carpenters and joiners	8	2	25	12
Tobacconists, &c.	6	7	24	20
Furniture dealers and makers	3	1	23	27
Carriers, carmen, lightermen, and hauliers ...	3	4	22	21
Hairdressers... ..	3	—	22	11
Restaurant, coffee and eating-house keepers ...	4	4	21	18
Provision merchants, &c.	2	3	21	16
General dealers	2	4	20	25
Clothiers, outfitters, &c.	4	5	20	16

Bankruptcy.—England and Wales—continued.

	June.		Six Months ended June.	
	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.
Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations—continued:	No.	No.	No.	No.
Clerks, commercial and general	2	3	18	32
Engineers and foundrymen, &c.	4	6	18	24
Cab, omnibus and fly proprietors	1	3	18	11
Ironmongers	8	1	17	13
Milliners, dressmakers, &c.	2	4	16	17
Printers, booksellers, and publishers	2	4	16	27
Cabinet makers and upholsterers	8	4	16	16
Carriage, &c., builders	8	3	16	15
Doctors of medicine, physicians, &c.	4	5	16	12
Directors and promoters of public companies	5	5	16	15
Solicitors	2	2	15	23
Bicycle, &c., manufacturers and dealers ..	8	3	15	17
Stationers	—	1	14	5
Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses	1	2	14	11
Wheelwrights	2	1	14	10
Chemists, druggists and chemical manufacturers	2	2	14	11
Gardeners, florists, &c.	8	1	14	19
Lodging-house keepers	1	1	18	10
Dairymen, cowkeepers, &c.	4	2	12	12
Contractors	1	1	11	14
Timber merchants	2	1	11	11
Merchants, general	1	4	10	17
China, glass, and earthenware, &c., dealers ..	2	3	10	11
Woollen merchants and manufacturers... ..	8	1	10	8
Saddlers and harness makers	8	4	10	16
Officers in Army	8	1	9	11
Cattle and pig dealers	—	2	8	13
Architects and surveyors	2	—	8	12
Curriers, tanners, and leather merchants	—	2	6	5
Stone, marble and monumental masons, &c. ..	—	1	6	11
Blacksmiths, farriers, &c.	—	—	6	19
Hosiery, glovers, &c.	2	1	6	10
Wine and spirit merchants, &c.	1	1	5	9
Brokers, stock and share	2	—	5	8
Fishing smack owners, and masters	—	—	4	8
Millers	—	2	4	14
Cotton spinners and manufacturers	—	—	1	2

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of June, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that Volume I. of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country). The second volume will contain details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the June issue:—State of the Labour Market in May; Relief of the Unemployed; Changes in Agricultural Rates of Wages in 1904; Accident and Sickness Insurance in Austria; and Recent Conciliation Cases.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

ANNUAL.

No. 3,429. Trade of Mexico, 1904.

Review of commercial and industrial progress shown during the past 28 years.

Ten years' comparison of State and municipal revenue and expenditure, with notes on the present financial condition of the country.

Rapid development of hydro-electric power systems.

Condition of the mining and metallurgical industries.

Review of import trade, with hints to shippers.

Report on agriculture, including sugar, cereals, rubber, &c.

This publication contains also reports by the British Vice-Consuls at San Luis Potosi and Tampico.

Government Publications.

No. 3,430. Trade of Salonica, 1904.

Increasing cultivation of cotton, tobacco and opium in place of cereals.

Returns of imports (including special details of cotton and woollen goods) and of exports.

Opening for cigarette paper of good quality.

This publication contains also reports by H.M. representatives at Uskub, Prevesa and Cavalla.

No. 3,431. Trade of New Caledonia, 1903-04.

Account of the mining industry, which furnishes more than four-fifths of the exports.

Statistics of imports and exports, with notes.

Suggested development of possible coal resources.

No apparent opening for British trade.

No. 3,432. Trade of Roumania, 1904.

Statistics of import and export trade, with tables giving details of the share of the United Kingdom.

Failure of 1904 crops.

Hints to commercial travellers. ²/₅ Openings for British trade.

Condition of the petroleum industry, with export figures.

This publication contains also reports by the British Vice-Consuls at Sulina, Braila, and Constantza.

COLONIAL OFFICE REPORTS.

Reports from the following British Colonies have been published since the last issue of the "Board of Trade Journal," viz. :—

No. 448. St. Helena.

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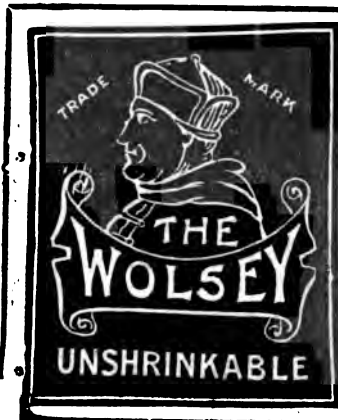
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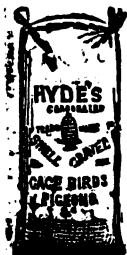
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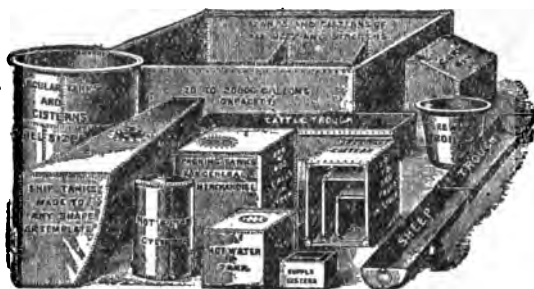
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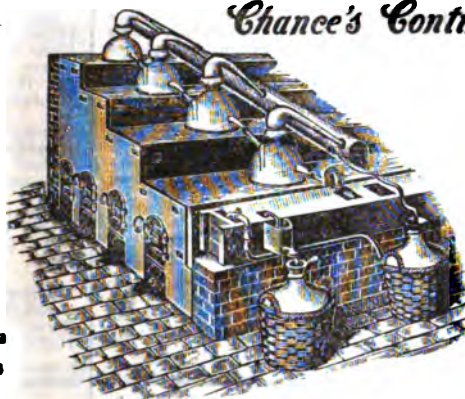
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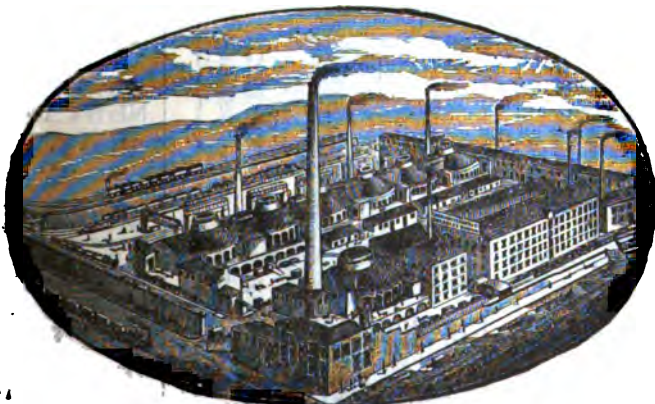
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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 143.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. :—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 144.

OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

BRITISH INDIA.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of—

Railway Material.

1. Steel bull-headed rails and fishplates;
2. Cast-iron plate (Denham - Olpherts) sleepers;

as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C.

Openings for British Trade.

BRITISH INDIA—continued.

Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Steel Bull-headed Rails, &c.," or as the case may be, not later than noon on the 26th July.

The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

The Directors of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of

Railway Stores. the following stores, namely:—Galvanised corrugated sheets; wood handles; pig and sheet lead; steel tyres; firebricks and clay; block tin, tinned sheets, &c.; zinc sheets; lifting jacks and jim-crows; goods engines and tenders.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's Offices, 48, Copthall Avenue, London, E.C., on payment of the fee for the specification, which payment will not be returned.

Tenders must be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Galvanised Corrugated Sheets," or as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 27th July.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Mahratta Railway Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for:—

**Steel Rails and
Fishplates.**

10,675 steel rails and 10,780 pairs steel fishplates,

as per specification which may be seen at the offices of the Company, 46, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. The charge for each specification is one guinea, which will not be returned.

Tenders must be sent in addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Rails and Fishplates," not later than noon on Tuesday, the 1st August, 1905.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

According to "Indian Engineering," the Municipal Board of Mussoorie are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of the following:—

**Waterworks
Supplies.**

(a) Pipes; (b) tees; (c) cross pieces; (d) reducers; (e) bends; (f) bends and collars; (g) sluice valves and stop cocks; (h) ball and non-return valves.

Openings for British Trade.

BRITISH INDIA—continued.

Specifications and form of tender can be obtained on application to the Municipal Electrical Engineer on payment of a deposit of Rs. 45, which amount will be returned on receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender. Additional copies may be obtained on payment of a further fee of Rs. 3 each, which will not be returned.

The firm whose tender is accepted will be required to deposit the sum of Rs. 1,500 in a Bank and the receipt, endorsed in favour of the Chairman, must be forwarded with the tender.

Sealed tenders, on the prescribed form, endorsed "Tender for Waterworks Scheme," should be addressed to the Chairman, Municipal Board, Mussoorie, U. P., and must be delivered to him on or before Monday, 9th October, 1905.

The Municipal Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Municipal Board of Mussoorie are also prepared to receive tenders for the supply, delivery, and erection at sites, in complete working order, of the following plant:—

**Electric Lighting
and Waterworks
Plant and
Material.**

(a) Steel power pipes; (b) water motors; (c) alternators with exciters; (d) switchboards with instruments and apparatus; (e) transformers; (f) induction motors; (g) pumps; (h) workshop machines.

Also for the supply and delivery of the following:—

(a) Bare copper wire for overhead mains; (b) insulators and lightning arresters; (c) arc and incandescent lamps; (d) telephone equipment; (e) workshop tools; (f) general stores.

Specifications, form of tender, and general conditions can be obtained on application to the Municipal Electrical Engineer on payment of a deposit of Rs. 75, which amount will be returned on receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender. Additional copies may be obtained on payment of a further fee of Rs. 5 per set, which will not be returned.

The firm whose tender is accepted will be required to find two sureties to the satisfaction of the Board, and to enter with them into a contract to be prepared by the Board and to contain such clauses as they may think necessary.

Sealed tenders, on the prescribed form, endorsed "Tender for Electric Lighting and Waterworks Scheme," should be addressed to the Chairman, Municipal Board, Mussoorie, U. P., and must be delivered to him on or before Monday, 23rd October, 1905.

The Municipal Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, nor will they consider any tender that is not for the whole of the plant and material.

Openings for British Trade.

CANADA.

The following were among the recent enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the **Canadian Government Enquiries relating to Canadian Trade** Offices, Victoria Street, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—The names of Canadian exporters of minerals, metals, ores, and timber, have been asked for by a London firm.

A London firm exporting iron and steel goods, machinery, locomotives, &c., are desirous of appointing agents to represent them in Canada.

A London firm doing an extensive business in iron, steel, metals, cement, window glass, and other export articles, and also old materials, desire to enter into relations with Canadian merchants or consumers.

The addresses of companies working sodalite deposits in Canada have been asked for by a London firm.

Canadian Enquiries.—A gentleman with experience in the dry goods trade, at present on a visit from Canada, desires to get into communication with English firms requiring an agent to represent them in the Dominion.

Enquiry is made for the names of manufacturers in Great Britain of German silver (unplated); brass fenders and similar brass goods; glass door-handles, tableware, tumblers, &c.; and bakers' and confectioners' supplies.

A Toronto firm ask to be placed in communication with persons dealing in wheel and drag scrapers, &c.

New Zealand Enquiry.—A New Zealand business man now in England is seeking the representation of Canadian houses desiring to appoint an agent in his colony.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office**, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—A manufacturer of special cold blast pig-iron is prepared to appoint Canadian resident agents.

A manufacturer of opal glass wall tiles wishes to do business in Canada.

Canadian Enquiries.—A firm of timber agents and brokers in Nova Scotia would be pleased to attend to enquiries for deals or boards.

A Canadian firm wishing to purchase Egyptian asphaltum ask to be placed in correspondence with United Kingdom firms dealing in this material.

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A Canadian company manufacturing malt on a large scale would like to get into correspondence with United Kingdom importers.

A Canadian wholesale grocer and importer is in a position to accept the agency of a firm dealing in Ceylon teas.

A Canadian shipper of hay asks to be placed in communication with United Kingdom importers.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

CAPE COLONY.

The "Natal Mercury" states that the Commission of British Engineers appointed to report on the various plans for outer works at Algoa Bay recommend either of the following:—

Proposed Harbour Works at Port Elizabeth.

(a) A solid breakwater on the sea face 6,850 ft. in length, an inner quay 400 ft. by 300 ft., the widening of the inner portion of the Dom Pedro jetty, and the extension of the north pier to 7,650 ft., to be constructed at a cost of 1,100,000*l*.

(b) A south breakwater, 7,000 ft. in length, connected with the shore by a viaduct approach of 1,000 ft., and having reclamation at its inner end; the extension of the North Pier to 7,500 ft. in length, and of a new jetty of the mean length of 2,100 ft. and a width of 500 ft. This is estimated to cost 3,220,000*l*.

TRINIDAD.

A recent report by the Canadian Commercial Agent at Port of Spain (Mr. Edgar Tripp) states that, in cordage and twine Canada appears to have permanently displaced the United States, being second only to the United Kingdom. The quality received from the Dominion is what is known as patent Manilla.

Sisal Rope.

It is suggested that it would pay manufacturers to turn their attention to sisal hemp, as there is a considerable sale of sisal rope in Trinidad.

Mr. Tripp also reports that the imports of soap, notwithstanding the existence of a local factory, average over 30,000*l*. per annum. Blue mottled soap commands by far the largest sale, and this has

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never been successfully manufactured on the spot. The local establishment only attempts to compete in brown. The trade in high priced fancy soap is necessarily restricted; but among the masses the consumption of the ordinary washing soaps which come in boxes, containing 20 bars, weighing 56 lbs. net, is large, and forms the great bulk of the trade.

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NORWAY.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by H.M. Consul-General at Christiania (Viscount Melville) that tenders **Galvanised Iron Tubes.** will be received up to 3 p.m. on the 29th July by the Norwegian State Railway Authorities for the supply of 415 metres of 3 in. galvanised iron tubes (ordinary). The tubes are to be delivered on railway trucks at the "Ostbane" Station, Christiania. Tenders, addressed to the "Distriktsingeniorkontoret," 29, Shippergade, Christiania, should contain information concerning the manufacture of the tubes and the shortest time within which they can be delivered.

A copy of the general rules which apply to all tenders for the Norwegian State Railways may be inspected at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

It should be noted that by Section 16 of these rules, tenders from persons who do not reside in Norway will only be received through someone resident in the country. British firms must therefore name a person resident in Norway to deal with the authorities on their behalf.

Apart from the usual Customs duties a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers.

A telegram has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from H.M. Consul-General at Christiania, notifying that **Coal.** tenders will be received by the municipality of that city up to 26th July, for the supply of 12,000 tons of coal (more or less) of various descriptions.

GERMANY.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have received a communication from the Acting **Electrolytic Copper Wire.** British Consul-General at Düsseldorf (Dr. F. P. Koenig) reporting that an enquiry has been made at the Consulate by a firm wishing to purchase from British firms "electrolytic copper wire (Electrolyt-Kupferdraht)."

Communications should be addressed to H.M. Consul-General, Düsseldorf.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from the Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Berlin (Mr. Wm. S. H. Gastrell) enclosing a copy of a new Law under which considerable **Railway Material.** extensions of the Prussian railway system are about to take place.

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Certain sums are also granted for the construction of light railways, a subject which receives great attention in Germany.

A total sum of 7,446,950*l.* will be expended, of which 7,196,950*l.* are for broad gauge lines and rolling stock, and 250,000*l.* are for new light railways.

For the main lines 1,733,100*l.* are allowed. A sum of 3,862,600*l.* falls to 19 branch lines, and 822,500*l.* will be expended on a connection between the Cologne-Bonn and the Cologne-Troisdorf lines including the bridging of the Rhine. The new rolling stock will cost 778,750*l.*

BELGIUM.

The "Bulletin Commercial" of 15th July publishes a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened on the 28th July at the Ministry of War, 5 rue Royale, Brussels, for the supply of 100,000 kilogs. of undressed leather, whole hides, in 50 lots of 2,000 kilogs. each, for the manufacture of footgear required for the Belgian Army during 1908. Specifications, samples and conditions of tender may be inspected at the above address.

FRANCE—ALGERIA.

The United States Vice-Consul at Solingen reports that German cutlery has been finding a good market in Algeria. The class of goods in demand there is about the same as is used in Europe, including, in the province of Algiers, all sorts of knives (with the exception of dessert knives); cheap pocket-knives and scissors, in all grades and styles; razors from the cheapest to the highest in price; fruit knives, pruning knives—preferably those made entirely of steel, without wooden handles—cutting-out knives, &c. Of table knives, the so-called "Yatagan" style is mostly desired. Blades should be 0.79 inch wider than the handles. Metal-handled knives do not seem to be looked upon favourably.

The French method of packing the goods is said to be the most advisable. Table knives are usually sold in small boxes, each box containing 12 knives.

The best way of selling the goods is to contract directly with the customer, or through agents who are direct representatives of the selling firm. Prices should be made f.o.b. Algiers, in French currency. Terms are, as a rule, 2 to 3 per cent. discount for cash in thirty days, or ninety days net.

In the province of Oran there is an open market for foreign competition. The class of goods in demand is about the same as in the province of Algiers, but in rather better grades.

Conditions in the provinces of Bone, Bougie, Mostaganem,

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Tlemsen, and Philippeville are about the same as in the two provinces previously named, but, by reason of the customers there being chiefly Italians and Maltese, the cheaper grades of goods are mainly in request.

SPAIN.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 12th July contains a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened 30 days after the publication of the notice, at the offices of the Port Works Board, Vigo, for the supply of a petroleum motor launch for the service of that Board. Conditions of tender may be inspected at the above-mentioned offices, and at the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry, Commerce, and Public Works, Madrid. A deposit of 300 pesetas (about 9*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta" may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

ITALY.

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) forwards translation of a notice calling for tenders for the supply to the Italian Navy of bunting to the estimated total value of 39,780 lire (about 1,591*l.*), to be delivered at the Royal Arsenals at Spezia, Naples, Venice, and Taranto as required.

Bunting.

Sealed tenders, made out on Government stamped paper of one lira (obtainable from the Italian Consulate-General in London, 44, Finsbury Square, E.C.), will be opened on 10th August next, a deposit of 3,978 lire (about 159*l.*) being required to qualify any tender. The final date for improving on the price of the provisional adjudication by a further rebate of not less than 5 per cent. will expire on 2nd September. Local representation is necessary.

The special conditions of the contract may be seen at the Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the Royal Arsenals; at the technical offices of the Navy, Genoa; and at the principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

Attention is called to the notice on pp. 536-7 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd December last *re* "procedure regarding tenders for Italian Government contracts."

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 11th July contains a Law sanctioning the expenditure of 90,000 lire (about 3,600*l.*)

Telegraph Wire.

on the erection of a bronze telegraph wire, 3 millimetres in diameter, between Genoa and Chiasso, on the Italian frontier, to form part of a new direct telegraph line from Genoa to Frankfort-on-Main.

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ITALY—continued.

The "Gazzetta" of 12th July contains a Law sanctioning the expenditure by the Municipality of Catania of 340,000 lire (about 13,600*l.*) on the enlargement of the tobacco factory in that town, and of 83,000 lire (about 3,320*l.*) on metallic roofing for the Custom-house.

**Building
Construction :
Metallic Roofing.**

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" (Rome) of 13th July, states that the Italian Minister of Public Works has appointed a Commission to inspect the light-houses, beacons, &c., on the Italian coast, with a view to introducing more modern systems of lighting where it may be considered necessary.

**Materials for
Lighthouses,
Beacons, &c.**

ROUMANIA.

**Agricultural Machinery
and Appliances.** See notice on p. 108.

OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

The British Vice-Consul at Uskub (Mr. H. E. Satow) mentions in his report for 1904 that a trial order, on a small scale, for British agricultural machinery has recently been given by some local landowners, who have had sufficient faith and moral courage to make a rather larger initial outlay than usual in the hopes of getting a trustworthy article. Mr. Satow adds that the state of the country at present renders the supply of labour at harvest time somewhat uncertain, and that some catalogues of this class of machinery might be useful. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,430.*)

**Agricultural
Machinery.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A despatch has been received from H.M. Consul at Boston (Mr. W. Wyndham) reporting that he has received an inquiry for the names of "British distillers of tar disinfectants."

Communications from British manufacturers should be addressed to H.M. Consul, British Consulate, Boston.

The "United States Government Advertiser" announces that the Isthmian Canal Commission will soon call for tenders for the supply of—

**Bedsteads,
Machinery,
Dredges, &c.**

(1) Miscellaneous material, including iron bedsteads, steam nozzles, barometers, &c.

(2) Mowing machine, sickle grinding machine, tents, rubber hose, galvanised iron buckets, &c.

(3) Two dipper dredges.

(4) Two steam hammers, drills, grinding machines, cylinder boring machine, &c.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.

The "Advertiser" further states that a quantity of roofing tiles will soon be purchased by the Commission.

Roofing Tiles.

In connection with the foregoing notices of contracts for the Isthmian Canal Commission, attention is directed to the article which appeared on pp. 593-4 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June.

MEXICO.

Owing to the extraordinary development of Mexico City, H.M. Consul there (Mr. L. J. Jerome) reports there is a great demand for building materials, house fittings, plumbers' goods, building hardware, &c.

Building Material, Builders' Hardware, Electrical Appliances, &c.

He also draws attention to the demand for all kinds of electrical appliances, dynamos, motors, lamps, bells, telephones. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,429*).

The British Vice-Consul at San Luis Potosi (Mr. H. W. Wilson)

Agricultural Machinery: Steam Pumps.

reports that within the last few years a considerable quantity of farm machinery, mostly of American manufacture, has been imported into the State of San Luis Potosi, and the demand is steadily increasing. Windmills for pumping purposes are being used extensively. Steel ploughs are gradually replacing the old wooden article. Steam pumps are also being used extensively for irrigating purposes, and are bringing under cultivation tracks of land that previously were of little or no value.

In connection with the production of ixtle, a fibre which is

Portable Machine for Cleaning Fibre.

extracted from the leaves of the lechuguilla plant, Mr. Wilson remarks that the work of gathering and scraping the leaves is both hard and disagreeable, and the owners of ixtle lands have considerable difficulty in securing sufficient men used to the work. A number of different machines have been invented for cleaning or scraping the leaves, but up to the present none have given satisfactory results on account of the fact that most of the machines are too heavy and unwieldy, and also because they have to be run by steam power. Mr. Wilson believes there is an opening for a small portable machine that could be easily moved about from one locality to another and worked either by hand or horse-power. The original cost of such a machine would have to be low and the parts few and simple and easily replaced.

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MEXICO—*continued.*

With regard to the water supply of San Luis Potosi, Mr. Wilson states that the purchase and installation of filters, with the necessary piping, for the distribution of water all over the city is expected very shortly. There will be about 15 miles of piping required, ranging from 4 inches to 18 inches in diameter.

Filters and Water Pipes : Drainage Material. A complete modern system of drainage for the city will be very shortly inaugurated. The plans have been completed, and as soon as they have been definitely approved active measures will at once be taken to start work. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,429.*)

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico of 20th June contains a Decree authorising Señor Lic. José N. Macías, the representative of Señor Manuel González, to appropriate, for industrial purposes, 2,000 litres of water per second from the river Abra de Caballeros, District of Valles, State of San Luis Potosí. Machinery, &c., required for these works may be imported free of duty.

Hydro-electric Plant. The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico, of 28th June, contains a Decree authorising Señor Honorato J. Carrasco to appropriate, for industrial purposes, 2,000 litres of water per second from the river Xamapa at a point situated in the District of Chalchicomula, State of Puebla.

CHINA.

The Acting Commissioner of Customs at Shasi, in his report for 1904, writes :—

Cotton Compressors. "Bales of raw cotton shipped from this port are of unusual bulkiness, and an installation for compressing them, by hydraulic or other power, would certainly stand a good chance of paying handsomely in the near future. . . ."

"Opposite Shasi, across the river, is an immense swamp, thousands of acres in extent, densely overgrown with unusually fine reeds, some of which are cut for fuel and fencing and some are burned down. Could these reeds be utilised for the manufacture of paper or compressed fuel, the supply would be inexhaustible, easy of access, and very cheap."

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EXHIBITIONS.

ZANZIBAR.

H.M. Agent and Consul-General at Zanzibar (Mr. B. Cave, C.B.) has forwarded to the Foreign Office a copy of the regulations and exhibits list of an exhibition to be held at Zanzibar on the 16th and 17th

Exhibition.

August next.

The exhibition will comprise sections for farm and garden produce, economic products, scientific exhibits, machinery, and live-stock, all exhibits to be *bonâ fide* produced or made in East Africa, except in classes otherwise specified.

ROUMANIA.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Legation at Bucharest, announcing a national exhibition at that City next year.

**Exhibition at
Bucharest, 1906.**

Exhibits of *foreign industries* will, however, be admitted so far as *connected with agriculture* and to serve as a means of instruction to native agriculturists.

BAVARIA.

H.M. Consul at Munich (Mr. L. Buchmann) reports the opening at Nuremberg of an Exhibition of Historical and Modern Clocks and Watches, at which German and Swiss clock makers are represented. It will remain open until the 30th September.

**Exhibition of Clocks and
Watches at Nuremberg.**

BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

Barranquilla.—In his recent report the British Vice-Consul at Barranquilla (Mr. J. Gillies) states that the import trade of that port began to fall off about the end of 1904, as large supplies were ordered earlier in the year in anticipation of a substantial increase of the Customs duties, which has since taken place. The country is fairly well stocked with dry goods.

Mr. Gillies calls the attention of British exporters to the importance of having Consular invoices accurately prepared, as fines are imposed for negligence in this respect. Duties are levied on the weight of goods, not *ad valorem*.

Catalogues advertising goods should be printed in Spanish, the weights should be given in kilogrammes and the equivalents of the price stated in United States gold. This would save the importer a great deal of trouble and facilitate business operations, thus offering the buyer a greater inducement to purchase. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,423.*)

St. Petersburg.—H.M. Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. O. Wardrop) remarks, in his recent report, that whilst the greatest prudence is a duty on the part of those engaging in commerce

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with Russia, on the other hand, there could be no better time than the present for studying the country with a view to developing and profiting by its resources in the early future. The end of the present war is likely to be the beginning of the complete opening up of the Empire to enterprise, and in that work British capital and energy should play a part second to none, if events should justify confidence in equal opportunity and fair treatment for foreigners. "It cannot too often be affirmed" says Mr. Wardrop, "that the people of our race are in Russia better liked individually, and more successful as guides and instructors in commercial and industrial affairs than any other men."

Mr. Wardrop states that in 1904 the value of the goods imported into Russia from the United Kingdom was about 10 per cent. less than in 1903. Among articles which show an increase in value may be mentioned coal and coke, tallow, lead, rice, fish, fire-bricks, earthenware, ships. The relative position of the United Kingdom to her chief competitor, Germany, remains practically unchanged as regards Russia's import trade, but as a purchaser of Russian goods the United Kingdom has gained considerably. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,424.*)

Norway.—In his recent report, H.M. Consul at Christiania (Viscount Melville, I.S.O.) says:—"I am often asked to say whether there is a sale for certain classes of goods in Norway. Now, this is a somewhat difficult question to reply to. The area of Norway is very considerable, and what may find a limited sale in one district may find no demand in another. But on the whole, I think I may say that British goods find favour if the price is in accordance with the national means, or if, as Mr. Vice-Consul Franklin, at Porsgrund, puts it, 'if obtainable at competitive prices.' Mr. Franklin also thinks, and I agree with him, that more push is required. British made boots and shoes are not to the front as American and other nationalities. And here the question of price plays a part, but even more, I understand, the style is not quite suited to native taste as a rule. Taste and price are the two essentials in most articles that have to be first considered; the quality, I think, is never doubted. And it must be borne in mind that in a country like Norway, not wealthy and not having a large population, the markets for foreign goods are also limited."

In another part of his report Viscount Melville asks whether the annual invasion of commercial travellers into Norway from Germany is not found to be a far more effectual assistance to German trade than thousands of letters and catalogues. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,425.*)

Mexico.—Regarding the ultimate effect of the monetary reform on the import trade of Mexico, H.M. Consul at Mexico City (Mr. L. J. Jerome) considers that it would be premature to offer any opinion. One of the immediate results, however, is the readiness

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of merchants to make orders abroad, as they are better able to calculate the measure of expected profit, and for the present he believes there have been fewer large orders for goods, but, on the other hand, a very large number of small orders, as the conditions have encouraged firms in a small way of business to purchase direct abroad, instead of buying through the large houses in Mexico City.

With regard to British trade methods Mr. Jerome makes the following observations:—

“While it is with considerable reluctance that I hazard any adverse criticism of our trade methods, nevertheless, during the year 1904 I have had so many instances brought to my notice of avoidable mistakes, which have been made in the formalities required in the shipment of goods and in the observance of Mexican commercial customs, that I venture upon a word of warning. In the first place, probably in no country in the world is competition keener than in Mexico; secondly, where mistakes are made and continually repeated, in spite of protests of both the consignees and resident representatives of British firms, advantage of these errors is immediately taken by competitors. Too many of these mistakes are apparently made by permitting the export business of a house to be conducted by a junior clerk, and the partners not giving matters of detail the amount of consideration which would prevent any repetition when once any mistakes have been brought to notice.

“Mexican customs regulations require that besides the Mexican consular invoice, a signed and stamped copy of bill of lading covering goods imported into the Republic of Mexico must be presented at the Custom-house. As this copy is retained by the Customs authorities, it follows that the consignee must also have a stamped and signed copy too, for him to obtain delivery of the goods from the carriers.

“British firms are particularly refractory as to these regulations. The result has been a good deal of annoyance and a considerable drop in the volume and value of British imports. I know of one firm who have instructions to the above effect printed, which they send with every order to their correspondents in the United Kingdom, and yet in nine cases out of ten the request is not complied with.

“While not compulsory, it saves the consignee time and no small expense if as well as the Consular invoice and bills of lading, a copy of the shipper's invoice and a copy of the packing list are also sent. These can be forwarded at once to his Customs agent at the port where the goods will enter the Republic, by which means goods so dealt with will receive quicker despatch than would otherwise be the case.

“The packing list should show marks, counter marks and numbers of packages; contents of each and the principal material of which article is made; and, if plated, with what; gross weight

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of each package, net weight of each package or kind of goods in package, legal weight of each package or class of goods; value of each kind of article, total value of package; country in which the goods were manufactured; name of shipper; date of shipment; name of consignee, destination, and the name of the Customs broker in whose care freight is consigned. . . .

"The packing lists or pro-forma invoices should show full marks as they appear on the packages, as the law imposes a penalty for discrepancies between marks on packages and those on Custom-house documents. When packages bear marks or numbers other than those which appear on the documents a fine is imposed. The trade mark or name and address of factory, which may be found stamped uniformly on all packages, is not considered as a separate mark. The exact kind of each package, whether box, barrel, bundle, bale, &c., should be shown in the packing list.

"As the duties for goods imported into Mexico are assessed on the weight of the goods, it may be noticed here that weight is divided into gross, legal and net weights. *Gross* weight is the combined weight of all interior and exterior packing. *Legal* weight is the weight of goods, plus the weight of interior wrappings, cardboard, tin or glass packages in which the goods are contained, but not including the outside protecting case. *Net* weight is the weight of the goods without any packing whatever."

In calling attention to the great care which should be taken in properly describing goods shipped to Mexico, Mr. Jerome gives in his report (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,429*) a list of commodities (taken from the instructions of the Mexican Central Railway) comprising those whose importation has been frequently the cause of trouble.

Further on in his report Mr. Jerome says that, taking the year 1904 as a whole, it has been a highly satisfactory one, and there are on almost every side signs of progress and prosperity. Two firms who acted on his suggestion to send out travellers have reaped a good harvest from the seeds thus sown, and have obtained a flourishing trade.

Commercial travellers visiting the Consulate (Mexico City) will be furnished with data on all the States in the district; what cities they will find it of most advantage to visit in order to get the best results in their special lines; hints as to hotels, means of travelling, so as to economise time and money, and such other help and assistance as can be properly afforded to them.

In conclusion, Mr. Jerome says:—"As to increasing British trade in Mexico, it is merely a question of effort—is the effort worth while? In my opinion it most certainly is. I also believe that the next two or three years will see a continued increase in the number of new industries and manufactures—factories of all kinds being built, with a corresponding increase in the demand for machinery and accessories." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,429*)

TRADE OF THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1905.

Referring to the notice on p. 594 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 30th March last, relating to the trade of the Orange River Colony, the Board of Trade have received copy of a return drawn up by the Collector of Customs at Bloemfontein, showing the value of the goods imported into and exported from the Colony during the quarter ended the 31st March, 1905.

The following table shows the value of the principal articles imported during the period mentioned, as compared with the corresponding period of 1904 :—

Articles.	Quarter ended 31st March.	
	1904.	1905.
Machinery, agricultural implements and other free articles	£ 254,000	£ 135,000
South African produce	100,000	155,000
Articles of food and drink	111,000	76,000
Haberdashery	91,000	69,000
Wood, raw and manufactured (<i>includes furniture</i>) ...	64,000	38,000
Hardware, brass and copperware, &c.	47,000	32,000
Corn and grain (<i>includes rice</i>)	70,000	27,000
Leather manufactures (<i>includes boots and shoes, saddlery and harness, &c.</i>)	32,000	24,000
Apparel and slops (<i>includes hats</i>)	38,000	21,000
Cotton manufactures	26,000	15,000
Blankets and sheets or rugs, cotton or woollen ...	16,000	10,000
Iron, galvanised and corrugated	14,000	10,000
Provisions, oilman's stores, &c.	11,000	10,000
Clocks, watches, jewellery, and plated ware ...	21,000	9,000
Carriages and other kinds of vehicles	12,000	7,000
Fodder	10,000	7,000
Soap and candles	8,000	7,000
Drugs and chemicals (<i>includes medicinal preparations</i>)	8,000	6,000
Oils and paints, &c.	7,000	6,000
Woollen manufactures (<i>not blankets or rugs</i>) ...	7,000	6,000
Stationery and fancy goods	8,000	5,000
Bicycles and accessories	8,000	4,000
Tobacco of all kinds	6,000	4,000
Earthenware, china and glass	4,000	4,000
Cocoa, chocolate and confectionery	4,000	3,000
All other articles	55,000	50,000
Total imports	£ 1,027,000	740,000

The total value of the goods exported from the Orange River Colony during the quarter ended 31st March, 1905, was 656,000*l.*, as compared with 416,000*l.* during the corresponding period of 1904.

GERMAN COMMERCIAL MISSION TO ABYSSINIA.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Embassy at Berlin, forwarding a translation of the report of the German Special Mission to Abyssinia on the commercial position of Harrar, Diredaua and Adis Ababa, as published in the "Münchener Allgemeine Zeitung." The following extracts are taken from this translation:—

In December, 1902, the 309 kilometre railway line Djibuti-Diredaau, which crosses the desert of Issa, was opened.

Diredaau, a new creation of the railway company, lies, as the crow flies, about 50 kilometres distant from Harrar, at the foot of a considerable range of mountains, over which a pass 950 metres high leads to Harrar. The place has, at the present day, a thousand inhabitants, and is in the process of growing. With the exception of a few retail establishments there exists no local trade. The importance of the place lies in its transit trade. The equipment and lading of caravans proceeding to Harrar or to the interior, or the paying off of the incoming caravans and the freighting of export articles at the railway, render necessary a more or less long stay in Diredaau. The places for depositing goods on the railway are in good condition. A Customs Office of the Abyssinian Government is connected with the station. Telephone wires run to Djibuti, Harrar, Adis Ababa, and to several points on the caravan route connecting the two latter places. It is true that the use of these still imperfect telephones is often difficult and liable to waste time.

Harrar, which, together with the surrounding rich province, has only belonged to the Abyssinian Empire since the year 1887, has formed since a long time the centre point of the whole trade of South Abyssinia and the neighbouring countries. It is the only place in Abyssinia which, according to European ideas, deserves the name of town. Only there are to be found houses built of stone, well-constructed roofs and connected streets—in striking contrast to the usual lime and straw huts of Abyssinia.

The town contains 40,000 inhabitants, and includes among its customers a considerable population from the surrounding districts which are rich in coffee plantations and cattle. Clothing is the principal article dealt in, and above all woollen stuffs of a quite inferior quality which have the same importance for the import trade of Abyssinia as coffee has for the export trade.

The wholesale houses of Harrar are exclusively branch establishments of Arab, English or Indian firms in Aden and Bombay. The majority of these firms have similar branch establishments or representatives in Adis Ababa, which, with its large market for the neighbourhood as well as for the Abyssinian provinces situated further westwards, is endeavouring to acquire the same importance as Harrar has gained for the south east.

It must here be borne in mind that once the railway replaces the caravan route from Diredaau or Harrar to the capital, the importance of Adis Ababa for purposes of trade will considerably increase.

SILK PRODUCTION OF LYONS AND ST. ETIENNE.

The following tables, showing the value of the production, during the last two years, of the various kinds of silk at Lyons and St. Etienne, the centres of the French silk industry, are extracted from the recent report of H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. L. C. Liddell):—

Lyons Production.

Description.	1903.	1904.
Tissues—	£	£
Pure silk, plain	3,284,000	3,220,000
" " figured	856,000	892,000
" " mixed with gold and silver for the Levant	248,000	252,000
Plain, mixed with other materials	3,160,000	3,068,000
Figured	436,000	450,000
Silk and foulards	2,384,000	2,396,000
Furniture covering	44,000	44,000
Artificial silk	—	2,000
Crapes	200,000	200,000
Crêpe de chine, plain and figured	1,000,000	880,000
Muslins of all kinds	3,480,000	3,600,000
Grenadines	80,000	60,000
Gauzes	180,000	180,000
Tulles	760,000	740,000
Lace	200,000	180,000
Braids and trimmings	720,000	696,000
Total	16,532,000	16,360,000

For the first time the item "artificial" silk appears, but the amount is insignificant. The most remarkable increase in the silk industry is the development in the manufacture of light tissues. The production of muslin, which was valued at 1,840,000*l.* in 1901, reached 3,400,000*l.* in 1902, and advanced to 3,600,000*l.* in 1904.

St. Etienne Production.

Description.	1903.	1904.
Ribbon, plain black—	£	£
All silk	245,720	555,784
Silk, mixed with other material	148,160	150,400
Ribbon, plain coloured—		
All silk	608,440	714,620
Silk, mixed with other material	326,240	461,200
Figured ribbon—		
All silk	183,160	183,584
Silk, mixed with other material	248,560	256,000
Cravats	38,640	64,452
Velvet—		
All silk	18,860	15,800
Silk, mixed with other material	187,280	176,560
Velvet, satin, black or armure—		
All silk	34,960	36,800
Silk, mixed with other material	295,440	153,680
Trimmings, braids, linings, &c.	230,160	189,556
Articles for hat trimming... ..	57,880	41,000
Elastic tissues	72,400	61,800
All silk-stuffs	103,400	104,200

(Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,409.)

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

In accordance with the provisions of the Finance Act, 1905, stamp duties are now no longer chargeable on the following bonds :—

**Abolition of
Stamp Duty on
certain Bonds, &c.**

Number of Form.	Description.
4	Bond for exportation through Parcel Post.
8	Bond for goods removed from ship's side.
9	Bond for transhipment.
10	Bond for landing demijohns of spirits at a foreign port.
11	Bond for transhipment and exportation of demijohns of spirits.
12	Bond for shipment of goods as stores for war and troop ships.
13	Bond for removal and shipment of stores.
14	Bond for goods shipped as stores.
15	Bond for removal of spirits for methylation.
16	Bond for removal of tobacco to be re-warehoused.
18	Bond for removal of goods to be warehoused or re-warehoused.
19	Bond for removal to Isle of Man for immediate clearance on despatch quantity.
23	Bond for exportation.
24	Bond for exportation (special).
25	Through bond for exportation (special) of goods not warehoused.
28	Bond for surplus stores, coastwise.
29	Bond for surplus stores of yachts laid up.
33	General bond for exportation through Parcel Post.
35	Bond for removal of unexamined free goods.
36	General bond for removal for warehousing or re-warehousing.
37	General bond for exportation, and shipment of goods as stores.
38	General bond for transhipment.
39	General bond for removal of spirits for methylation.
40	Coal bond, coastwise.
41	Coal bond, stores, foreign voyage.
42	Bond for exportation of coal.
43	General coal bond for exportation and shipment as stores.
48	Bond for the delivery of spirits for use, duty free, under Section 8 of the Finance Act, 1902.
49	General bond for delivery of spirits for use, duty free, under Section 8 of Finance Act, 1902.
50	Bond for the removal of plate to be assayed.
54	General bond for delivery of molasses, intended for use solely as food for stock.
—	Bond for taking goods out of warehouse in order to be refreshed, redressed, &c.
—	Bond for removal of goods to His Majesty's Victualling Yards.

The Stamp Duty on Delivery Orders, as well as on all notices under the general bonds specified in Section 104 of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876, will also cease to be chargeable.

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Board of Trade have received, by favour of the Canadian High Commissioner, a copy of a Customs **Customs Tariff Amendments.** Memo. (No. 1,327 B.) which was issued by the Canadian Department of Customs on 7th July.

The Tariff Changes affecting the import duties are as set forth in the following Resolutions, and came into force from the above date, viz., the 7th of July, 1905:—

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That it is expedient to amend the Customs Tariff, 1897, as amended by subsequent Acts, to the following effect:—

Schedule A. is amended as follows—

Item 158—strike out the words “dry white and.”

The following items to be inserted:—

8. (a) Wines of all kinds, except sparkling wines, containing not more than 40 per cent. of spirit of the strength of proof, whether imported in wood or in bottles (6 quart or 12 pint bottles to be held to contain a gallon), when the produce or manufacture of any British colony or territory in the South African Customs Union Convention, 25 cents per gallon.

50. (a) Rolled oats, six-tenths of a cent per pound.

158. (a) Dry white lead, 30 per cent. *ad valorem*.

158. (b) White lead ground in oil, 35 per cent. *ad valorem*.

Item 187 is repealed, and the following substituted:—

187. Cement, Portland, and hydraulic or water lime, in barrels or casks, the weight of the package to be included in the weight for duty, 12½ cents per 100 lbs.; in bags, 12½ cents per 100 lbs., together with 25 per cent. *ad valorem* on the bag.

Schedule B. is amended by repealing item 455, and substituting the following:—

455. Settlers' effects, viz.:—Wearing apparel, books, usual and reasonable household furniture, and other household effects; instruments and tools of trade, occupation or employment, guns, musical instruments, domestic sewing machines, typewriters, bicycles, carts, wagons and other highway vehicles, agricultural implements and live stock for the farm, not to include live stock or articles for sale, or for use as a contractor's outfit, nor vehicles nor implements moved by mechanical power, nor machinery for use in any manufacturing establishment; all the foregoing if actually owned abroad by the settler for at least six months before his removal to Canada, and subject to regulations by the Minister of Customs: Provided that any dutiable articles entered as settlers' effects may not be so entered unless brought by the settler on his first arrival, and shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of without payment of duty until after 12 months' actual use in Canada.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***DOMINION OF CANADA—continued.**

2. The exemption from duty of machinery and structural iron and steel for the construction and equipment of factories for the manufacture of sugar from beetroot, authorised by section 11 of chapter 11 of the Acts of 1904, is extended from 1st April, 1905, to 30th June, 1906.

3. The exemption from duty of machinery and appliances of a kind not made in Canada for use exclusively in alluvial gold mining, authorised by section 12 of the said chapter, is extended from 1st July, 1905, to 30th June, 1906.

4. Section 18 of the said chapter is amended by inserting after the word "production," in the fourth line, the words "or from any British country."

The Memo. under Notice also contains the following Instructions for the guidance of Customs officers:—

INSTRUCTIONS.

Under section 4 of the above resolutions, molasses, the produce of any British country entitled to the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff, may be entered free of duty when produced from sugar-cane and imported direct by vessel from the country of production or *from any British country* in the original package in which it was placed at the point of production and not afterwards subjected to any process of treating or mixing, subject to the following regulations:—

(a) Molasses produced from the sugar-cane in any British country may be imported by vessel from a British country and entered free of duty in Canada upon proof to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs at the port of entry that the molasses was shipped by vessel direct to such British country from the country of production, and is contained in the original package in which placed at the point of production and not afterwards subjected to any process of treating or mixing.

(b) The following form of certificate, written, printed or stamped on invoices of the said molasses presented for entry in Canada shall be signed by the shipper or his agent in a British country:—

"The molasses described in this invoice has been produced in the process of the manufacture of cane-sugar from the juice of the cane without any admixture with any other ingredient, and is in the original packages in which it was placed at the point of production and not afterwards subjected to any process of treating or mixing, and has been imported direct by vessel from.....
(place) to.....(name of British country).

".....Exporter.

"Dated at.....190..."

Satisfactory proof of origin shall be produced to the Collector at the time of entry for wines (not sparkling) the produce or manufac-

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ture of any British Colony or Territory in the South African Customs Union Convention when admitted to entry at 25 cents duty per gallon.

The Colonies and Territories in such Customs Union Convention are:—Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange River, Transvaal and Southern Rhodesia.

The Regulations in the above-mentioned Memo. 1,237 B apply to the entry of settlers' live stock in any part of Canada pending further instructions. The present form of settlers' effects entry (B 4) may be used until otherwise ordered.

NOTE.—The duty on *bags* covering cement is 25 per cent. *ad valorem*.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

A copy of Supplement No. 45 to the Customs Tariff Guide, dated

Customs 20th May, 1905, has been received, containing
Decisions. Customs decisions relating to the rates of duty
leviable on various articles imported into the
Australian Commonwealth.

The following are the principal decisions given:—

Articles and how classed.	Rates of Import Duty.
Bedford cords (cotton)—	
As piece-goods, cotton (corduroy)	5 % <i>ad val.</i>
*Bedford cords (woollen)—	
As woollen piece-goods, n.e.i.	15 % "
Braid—	
Gold and silver (not being imitation)—	
As jewellery	25 % "
Tinsel—	
As minor articles for apparel	Free
Cloth, asbestos—	
As other articles	"
Fur-tails—manufactured, for finishing attire—	
As apparel and attire and articles, n.e.i.	25 % <i>ad val.</i>
Pencils, insect (in glass tubes), for use after bites and stings of insects—	
As medicines	15 % "
Pictorial sheets on paper or paper boards, without printing thereon, to be converted into post cards—	
As pictures, not being advertising	Free.
Thread-tinsel, for sewing purposes only—	
As cordage and twines, sewing silk, &c.	"
*Tinsel ribbon—	
As trimmings	15 % <i>ad val.</i>
Veneer (so-called), three-ply (wood)—	
As timber, dressed, n.e.i.	3s. per 100 sup. ft.

* Revised decision.

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LAGOS.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1904 (No. 16 of 1904) which was assented to by the Acting Governor of Lagos on 23rd August, 1904.

The present Ordinance, which came into operation on 23rd September, 1904, repeals the Customs Tariff Ordinances No. 8 of 1899, 19 of 1900, 2 of 1901 and 1 and 8 of 1904, and, at the same time, provides for the re-imposition of duties on various articles imported into the Colony and Protectorate of Lagos.

The duties, for the most part, are the same as those previously in force—the principal alterations effected under the new Ordinance being as follows:—

Articles.				Import Duties.	
				Old Rates.	New Rates.
Cartridges (filled)	...	Per 100 or part thereof		<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> 2 0	<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> —
"	...	Per 100		—	2 0
Cigars	...	"		1 <i>s.</i> per 100	6 <i>d.</i> per 50
Cigarettes	...	"		1 <i>s.</i> per 1,000	3 <i>d.</i> per 100
Cowries	...	Per cwt.		1 0	Prohibited (a)
Gunpowder	...	Per lb. or part thereof		0 6	—
"	...	Per lb.		—	0 6
Salt	...	"		20 <i>s.</i> per ton	1 <i>s.</i> per cwt.

(a) Except by land from Northern or Southern Nigeria, free.

The free list is also somewhat extended—the principal additions being corn grown in West Africa, coal, fresh fish, meat, vegetables and fruit, ice, measures (Imperial standard), patterns, samples and show cards, printing and bookbinding materials, seeds, shrubs and trees for planting, and ships.

The drawback regulations have undergone considerable revision, and they now read as follows:—

"Upon all goods on which duty has been paid and which are re-exported to any place outside the Colony or Protectorate before being sold within the Colony or Protectorate, there shall be allowed a drawback of 95 per cent. of the duty paid thereon, subject to the rules regulating drawback claims—provided that all goods exported as aforesaid shall be deemed to be goods exported for drawback, and that this section shall not apply to goods re-exported by inland navigation or overland carriage to Northern or Southern Nigeria.

"Upon all dutiable goods imported on which no duty has been paid and which are transhipped or re-exported (includ-

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ing goods in transit and goods exported from bond) to any place outside the Colony or Protectorate, duty shall not be levied, but it shall be lawful to charge such fees not exceeding five per cent. of the duty payable on such goods as may be ordered by the Governor-in-Council, to cover any expenses incurred by the Customs Department in connection with such goods, provided that this section shall not apply to goods re-exported by inland navigation or overland carriage to Northern or Southern Nigeria."

ANTIGUA.

With reference to a notice which appeared on p. 224 of the **New Customs Tariff.** "Board of Trade Journal" for 4th February, 1904, relating to rates of duty imposed in Antigua, the Board of Trade have now received a copy of an Ordinance (No. 10 of 1904) which repeals, with effect from 2nd January, 1905, the Customs Tariff Ordinances 14 of 1903 and 5 of 1904, and at the same time provides for the re-imposition of the duties, with some slight alterations, on articles imported into the Presidency.

The dutiable list is somewhat curtailed in the present Ordinance, but the rates of duties are, for the most part, similar to those previously in force. The alterations principally affect the duties on textiles, furniture, bitters, oils, matches, and a few foodstuffs. The free list is practically unaltered.

The Ordinance under notice may be seen by persons interested on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

Fiji.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of the **Customs Duties Amendment.** "Customs Duties Amendment Ordinance, 1905" (No. 12 of 1905), which was assented to by the Governor of Fiji on 19th May, 1905.

The present Ordinance amends the "Customs Duties Ordinance of 1898" by providing for the free importation into the Colony of all kinds of timber (instead of "undressed" timber as heretofore) cut for cases, not exceeding 3 feet in length, for exporting fruit therefrom.

The following item is also added to the free-of-duty list:—

"Articles imported as the property of and for the use of the Pacific Cable Board, on allowance by the Governor-in-Council."

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GERMANY—SPAIN.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, information to the effect that the German Government have denounced the Commercial Agreement of the 12th February, 1899,* between Germany and Spain, under which those countries agreed to accord one another reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment in commercial matters. The Agreement will accordingly expire on the 30th June, 1906.

FRANCE—TUNIS.

The French "Journal Officiel" for the 5th July contains the text of a Presidential Decree fixing as follows the quantities of beans and of certain animals imported from Tunis which may be admitted into France free of duty between the 1st July, 1905, and the 1st June, 1906, under the special conditions provided by the Law of the 19th July, 1890†:—

Beans	...	...	...	...	60,000 quintals.
Horses	...	...	...	...	1,500 head.
Asses and Mules	...	...	...	...	1,500 "
Oxen...	...	...	...	...	25,000 "
Sheep	...	...	...	...	100,000 "
Goats	...	...	...	...	1,000 "
Pigs	...	...	...	...	1,500 "
Game, alive or dead (including wild boar, turtle, &c.)	...	...	...	...	20,000 kilogs.
Poultry	...	...	...	...	8,000 "

The Decree also fixes at 6,000,000 francs the total value of goods of Tunisian origin not specified in Articles 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned Law, which may be imported into France during the same period at the lowest rates of duty leviable on similar foreign products.

SPAIN.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 16th July contains a Royal Order notifying that the average rate of exchange (premium of exchange on Paris) during the first fortnight of July was 32·19 per cent., and that the corresponding reduction in payment of Customs duties which have to be made in gold during the second fortnight of the present month is to be 24 per cent.

* See the "Board of Trade Journal" for July, 1899, p. 72.

† To obtain the benefit of the privileged treatment accorded by this Law the goods must be imported direct (*i.e.*, without calling at any intermediate port), and in a French ship; and must be accompanied by properly authenticated certificates of origin.

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ITALY.

The Italian "Gazzetta Ufficiale" for the 12th July contains the text of a Law modifying the duties leviable on the under-mentioned articles under the Italian Tariff, as follows:—

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		Former.	New.
.182 bis	Vehicles for use on roads; common, automobiles, weighing—	Lire.	Lire.
	(1) 500 kilogs. or less	Various rates, according to degree of completion and number of wheels	Each 200-00
	(2) More than 500 kilogs. but not more than 1,000 kilogs. ...		" 400-00
	(3) More than 1,000 kilogs. ...		" 600-00
300	Carob beans	100 kg. 1-75	100 kg. 3-00

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

With reference to previous notices which have appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" on the subject of the Customs treatment of imported food products, it is to be noted that the New York "Journal of Commerce" of the 1st July contains the text of new regulations reported to have been drawn up for the guidance of United States Customs officers and officers of the Department of Agriculture, with a view of expediting the passage of such products through the Customs.

The text of the new regulations, which came into force on the 1st inst., may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington:—

Customs Decisions. *Protests, time for filing*—In computing the time within which a protest against the imposition of a Customs duty is required to be filed, if the last of the ten days provided by the Customs Act falls on a Sunday, it cannot be excluded; and a protest filed on the Monday following comes too late and should be over-ruled.

Foreign Currency used in Invoices.—In the absence of a Consular "currency" certificate showing the depreciation of the foreign currency in which invoices are made out, no allowance can be

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made for any depreciated currency; but the currency mentioned is presumed to be the standard coin of the name.

Cuban cigars and cigarettes.—*Dutiable value.*—The Cuban internal revenue tax of 2 dols. per thousand on cigars should not be added to invoice prices unless it appears that the amount of such tax is, in fact, customarily added to the export prices of the particular brands in question when sold for home consumption. [This modifies the decision reported in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 29th September, 1904.]

Silk on cops.—Silk re-reeled from skeins on to cops or tubes, is held to be "advanced in manufacture" within the meaning of paragraph 660 of the Tariff, as having undergone a process of winding. It is therefore dutiable under paragraph 384 as "silk partially manufactured, and not further advanced than carded or combed silk," at the rate of 40 cents per lb.

Twilling.—A twilled as distinguished from a plain woven fabric is held to be one in the weaving of which the shuttle carries the woof thread over one and under two or more warp threads, producing thereby the twilled effect.

Double-faced cotton velours are properly dutiable as countable cottons containing extra threads, under paragraphs 304, 309, and 313 of the Tariff.

"Green earth."—Ground earth of a greyish-green tint, known as "green earth," which is used as a substratum or base upon which are precipitated certain aniline dyes which impart colour thereto, thus obtaining pigments or dry paints known as "lime-proof greens," is found to be not a pigment but a manufactured earth, and is held to be dutiable as such under paragraph 93 of the Tariff at the rate of 2 dols. per ton.

"Iron sand," consisting of chilled iron pellets, produced by a method similar to that used in making shot, is dutiable under paragraph 193 of the Tariff as a manufacture of iron not specially provided for, at the rate of 45 per cent. *ad valorem.*

Silk powder.—A powder made from raw silk, which is used in the manufacture of wall paper and artificial flowers, is dutiable under paragraph 391 of the Tariff as a manufacture of silk, at the rate of 50 per cent. *ad valorem.*

Imitation parchment.—Grease-proof paper, known as imitation parchment paper, used largely for wrapping oleaginous substances, is dutiable under paragraph 402 of the Tariff, as "paper not specially provided for," at the rate of 25 per cent. *ad valorem.*

Articles of earthenware embellished with designs in the process of moulding, coated with a single-colour glaze, and not ornamented or decorated by superadded process, are dutiable at 55 per cent.

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ad valorem, under paragraph 96 of the Tariff, as earthenware not ornamented or decorated. The addition of a single colour to the glaze applied to articles of earthenware does not bring them within the term "earthenware, ornamented or decorated."

Oroville (Washington) has been designated a sub-port of entry in the District of Puget Sound.
New Sub-port of Entry.

MEXICO.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 28 of the "Journal" for the 7th July, 1904, on the subject of the free admission of certain articles imported into Quintana Roo for consumption in that territory, the Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the period during which such articles may be imported free of duty has been extended until the 30th June, 1906.

It is to be noted that if such articles are subsequently removed to places outside the Territory of Quintana Roo, they are liable to be seized as smuggled goods.

The Mexican "Diario Oficial" for the 27th June contains the text of a Presidential Decree reducing the import duty on wheat, until the 31st August next, to 1 peso 50 cents per 100 kilogs. (gross weight).

**Temporary
Reduction of
Duty on Wheat.**

BRAZIL.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, information to the effect that the State of Minas Geraes (Brazil) has imposed an import duty of 8 per cent. *ad valorem* on the following articles:—butter, cheese, and all other dairy produce; potatoes; rice; dried and preserved fruits; bacon, lard, preserved meats; onions, garlic; cigarette straw; earthenware or clay pipes; stearine candles; iron and wire nails; and wrapping paper.

This duty, which is additional to any *Federal* import duties, came into force on the 1st July.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The following statement, showing the number and tonnage of British and foreign ocean-going vessels *arriving* at the ports of Singapore and Penang in 1904, as compared with the preceding year, and the total number and tonnage of the same class of vessels *clearing* from these ports, is based on figures received from the Registrar of Imports and Exports at Singapore (Mr. A. Stuart):—

	1903.		1904.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Singapore—				
British... ..	2,632	3,369,322	2,823	3,791,857
Foreign	2,584	2,641,935	2,587	2,384,048
Total inwards ...	5,216	6,011,257	5,410	6,175,905
Total outwards ...	5,290	5,993,662	5,429	6,155,848
Penang—				
British... ..	2,118	1,918,086	2,008	1,799,474
Foreign	571	929,435	505	785,492
Total inwards ...	2,689	2,847,521	2,513	2,584,964
Total outwards ...	2,676	2,841,807	2,531	2,595,610

RUSSIA.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. Henry Cooke) relative to the traffic on the Siberian Railway in 1904.

As was to be expected, owing to the exigencies of the military traffic, the movement of the ordinary passenger and goods traffic took a second place, being entirely dependent on military necessities, and on the carrying capacities of the line. The largest increase in 1904 in goods traffic—to the extent of 10,903,348 pounds—is under the heading of coal and grain. The carriage of the remaining goods diminished to the extent of 7,587,838 pounds. The cause of the increased traffic in grain was the good harvest in Siberia in 1903, more especially in western Siberia, and the considerable demand for these products both abroad and in the Far East. The increased traffic in coal was due to the greater demand on the Trans-Baikal and Circum-Baikal railways.

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The total amount of goods carried, military and other, during 1904 was 206,433,658 pounds, against 167,157,525 pounds in 1903. The total number of passengers, military and other, was 1,755,608, against 1,278,556 in 1903.

1 pound = 36.112 lbs. or .016 ton. 1,000 pounds = 16.121 tons.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

The "Vossische Zeitung" states that in a very short time Germany will possess three important lines of electric railway, viz., from Frankfort to Wiesbaden (42 kiloms.), from Cologne to Dusseldorf (39 kiloms.), and from Leipzig to Halle (82 kiloms.). These, it is observed, mark the first step towards the eventual substitution of electric, for steam, traction throughout the country.

ITALY.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 7th July contains a Law sanctioning an annual subsidy of 550,000 lire (about 22,000*l.*) to "La Veloce" Shipping Company, for a term of four years, in return for a monthly service of mail steamers between Genoa and Colon, touching at Barcelona, Teneriffe, La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Curaçao and Savanilla on the outward journey; and at Curaçao, La Guayra and Teneriffe on the return.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY-ITALY.

H.M. Consul at Trieste (Mr. J. B. Spence) reports the initiation, shortly, of a new route by sea and river for the transport of goods from Trieste to Milan. Twenty barges, each to carry 250 tons, have been specially constructed for the service. On leaving Trieste they will be towed by steamers to Brondolo, near Chioggia, and from thence by horses as far as Cavanella, on the River Po. From Cavanella a tug will take them to Milan.

OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

The British Vice-Consul at Salonica (Mr. H. du Vallon) reports that from time to time complaints are made by British shipowners with regard to exorbitant prices asked, or difficulties of another nature made, by their agents at Salonica. In most of these cases it has been found that agent and shipper is one and the same man. The obvious remedy for this abuse is, says Mr. du Vallon, for owners to select as agent someone who is not at the same time a shipper. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,430.)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) reports, under date of 30th June, that the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company have given orders to remove within ten days all "facing point" switches wherever possible between Chicago and Buffalo, and where the switches cannot be removed, to erect signals.

The style of switch to be displaced is that which caused the wreck of the "Twentieth Century Limited," at Mentor, Ohio.

MEXICO.

The British Vice-Consul at Tampico (Mr. G. W. E. Griffith) gives the following list of port dues at that port:—
Port Dues at Tampico. (a) Pilotage (payable in and out), 8 dols. 2 c. per metre, equal to 4s. 7d. per foot, with exchange at 1s. 10d. to 1 dol.; (b) permit to discharge, 8 dols. (14s. 8d.); (c) permit to load, 12 dols. (1l. 2s.); (d) jetty dues, 9 dols. 84 c. per metre, equivalent to 3 dols. (5s. 6d.) per foot; (e) tonnage dues, payable at first port only on the gross tonnage, for steamships .06 c. (1'32d.), for sailing vessels .01 c. (.22d.); (f) sanitary dues, .02 c. (44d.) on gross tonnage; 50 per cent. reduction is granted to vessels carrying the mails and making frequent visits, provided the necessary concession has been acquired from the Mexican Government. A vessel shifting her berth in the river has to pay each time 4 dols. (7s. 4d.) (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,429.*)

CHINA.

On the subject of railway development in S'suchuan, the Commissioner of Customs at Chungking (Mr. W. Thurlow Lay) states that a line from Ch'engt'u (the capital) to Wan-hsien will bring the latter place into a prominent position and prove of advantage from every point of view, more especially if Wan-hsien is opened to trade. Indeed, it should not be necessary to wait for the railway before proclaiming Wan-hsien an open port. Such a step as that suggested will, it is to be hoped, be carried out in the *near* future.

In reference to the difficulty of navigation on the Upper Yangtse, Mr. Lay reports that a project is now thrown out to introduce powerful tugs to tow boats as far as the rapids, but *not* over them. A tug, for instance, will tow a boat from Ichang to the Hsin-t'an, and from that rapid a second tug will tow it to the Yeh-t'an, and so on. The scheme, if started, will be watched with close interest and, if successful, will deserve support. S'suchuan is such a rich province that it merits all the attention which can be bestowed on it.

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

The report of the Resident-General of the Federated Malay States (Mr. W. T. Taylor, C.M.G.), for the year 1904,

Tin Output. states that the mining industry continues to be the main source of the revenue and of the prosperity of those States. Tin occupies, of course, the foremost place, and shows an increased output for the period under review, the figures being 856,238 pikuls, as compared with 841,993 pikuls in 1903. Of this quantity, 533,193 pikuls were sent out in the form of tin ore, against 496,504 pikuls in 1903, and 323,045 pikuls were exported in the form of block tin, as compared with 345,489 pikuls in 1903.

The average price, expressed in dollars, for the year was 76.55 dols. as compared with 83.65 dols. in 1903. At these rates, the value of the output of 1904 was 65,545,015 dols., against 70,432,713 dols., a decrease in dollar value of 4,887,698 dols. But as the average rate of exchange for 1904 was 1s. 10½d., while that for 1903 was 1s. 9d., the position is reversed if the values are converted into sterling, the amounts being 6,213,121l. and 6,162,862l. respectively.

With regard to gold mining, Mr. Taylor states that operations were limited to certain mines in Pahang and

Gold Mining. Negri Sembilan. In Pahang, the result is said to have been very unfavourable.

The total export of gold in 1904 was 20,157 ounces, valued at approximately 80,600l.

The quantity obtained during the year from actual crushings was as follows:—

Pahang	...	...	12,625 ozs. from 54,961 tons.
Negri Sembilan	...	2,189	„ 3,438 „

In addition, 146 ounces were won from alluvial workings, and 2,115 ounces from 11,350 tons of tailings by means of the cyanide process.

Pikul = 133½ lbs. avoirdupois.

FRANCE—NEW CALEDONIA.

H.M. Consul at Noumea (Mr. A. G. Brophy) reports that at the beginning of the year 1905 there were three

Nickel. large companies working nickel mines in New Caledonia, viz., the Nickel Company, the International Corporation (American) and the Consolidated (Anglo-French).

The second mentioned had suspended operations for the moment, having worked out its principal mine at Nepoui; the third, connected with projected smelting works in New South Wales, had closed down its mine at Voh.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***FRANCE—NEW CALEDONIA**—*continued.*

Regarding chrome, Mr. Brophy says that if it were not for the various obstacles in the way of opening out the chrome ore deposits in Asia Minor, it is probable that the New Caledonian ores, handicapped as they are by high sea freights and difficult land communications, would not have much to say on the question of rates. The large increase in the export of this ore from New Caledonia in 1904 is due to the fact of a British house having paid a high figure, 50,000*l.*, to buy out the right to a mine during three years, besides paying 12*s.* per ton royalty on exported ore to the real owners of the deposit. The mine in question at Tiebaghi, on the north-west of the island, is one of the most valuable yet known, although a few years ago it was going begging for a mere song. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,431*).

AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.

H.M. Consul at Trieste (Mr. J. B. Spence) reports that a coal mine of excellent quality has just been discovered at Johannistal (Carniola) Austria. A company will undertake the working of this mine and also construct a local railway between Johannistal and Lichtenwald (in Styria). Work is expected to commence this year.

AGRICULTURE.**UNITED KINGDOM.**

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 15th July, 1905, were as follows:—

Wheat	...	...	..	...	32 <i>s.</i>	3 <i>d.</i>
Barley	...	...	...	...	23 <i>s.</i>	10 <i>d.</i>
Oats	...	...	...	...	19 <i>s.</i>	7 <i>d.</i>

For further particulars see p. 136.

A statement is published on p. 137, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 15th July, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

RUSSIA.

H.M. Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. O. Wardrop) reports that the area under cotton in Ferghana in 1904 was 504,900 acres, of which 467,100 acres were planted with American seed. The total harvest was 185,000 tons. Marghilan district had the largest area under

*Agriculture.***RUSSIA**—*continued.*

cultivation (more than one-third), but Andizhan gave the best harvest (more than one-third). Next came Namangan and Kokand (where there is a good deal of native cotton), and finally Osh. At the beginning of April, 1905, an official report from Samarkand announced a crisis in the cotton growing district, as the planters were short of ready money, and traders refused the usual advances; a diminution in the area under cultivation was expected.

During the nineties, land in Ferghana was of so little value that the owners often abandoned it rather than pay taxes; the best lands could be purchased at from 3*l.* to 4*l.* per acre, and inferior land from 4*s.* to 6*s.* per acre; but since 1900 the increased growth of cotton has stimulated irrigation and cultivation, so that good manured land now brings as much as 90*l.* per acre. The left bank of the Syr Daria for hundreds of miles is capable of extraordinary fertility, it was formerly well irrigated and thickly populated; in the Chimkent district alone there are said to be 500,000 acres of good land.

The quantity of raw cotton from Central Asia destined for Nizhni fair in 1904 was 45,000 bales, but half this amount was kept back at Astrakhan to be reserved for better prices. The stock offered was 23,000 bales.

As regards Trans-Caucasian cotton, H.M. Consul states that a short, dry, cold summer and rainy autumn in Trans-Caucasia gave an unsatisfactory crop. The area under cultivation (especially in the governments of Elizavetpol and Baku) had been largely increased owing to the high prices obtained in 1903. About 5,000 tons had been expected in 1904, but it is probable that the harvest did not much exceed 3,500 tons. In the government of Erivan, which supplies most of the Trans-Caucasian cotton, the net yield in one district, Sharuro-Dalageuz, was as high as 720 lbs. per acre, but in Etchmiadzin and Surmalin it did not exceed 140 to 200 lbs. The cholera epidemic seriously interfered with work during the harvest. Prices were very low: 13*s.* per cwt. uncleaned, 2*l.* 12*s.* per cwt. cleaned. Both the cotton and the seeds were gathered very wet and the prospects for 1905 are poor. The price of seeds was about 2*s.* 7*d.* per cwt. in December, rising to 7*s.* 6*d.* and more in spring. Early in 1905 a fund was established under official management to supply planters with the best varieties of seeds. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,424.*)

H.M. Consul at Rostov-on-Don (Mr. A. F. H. Medhurst) has forwarded the following memorandum on the wool trade there:—"This year's sale of merino wool was particularly brisk and satisfactory. No stocks remained over from last year, and the new wool was bought up the moment it arrived at steadily increasing rates.

Agriculture.

RUSSIA—*continued.*

"The highest price paid was 13.10 roubles per poud*—figures only reached in 1881 and 1889.

"Sheep-farmers have done well, seeing that the average wool price is usually some 2 roubles per poud less.

"The total supply may be taken at 1,200,000 pounds, and of these only 125,000 pounds remained unsold owing to the parcels having arrived late when the large buyers had already left. Coarse unwashed Don wool fetched 7 roubles a poud, and very little came on the market. In all probability there will not be sufficient for export purposes."

* Rostov and Charkov prices.
Poud = 36 lbs. avoirdupois.

ITALY—SICILY.

Referring to the notice on p. 568 of the "Board of Trade Journal"

**Sumach Crop
Prospects.**

of 23rd March last, H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill) reports that the prospects of the new sumach production, due next month, are very good as to quality, and as regards quantity the crop will probably be an average one. There is little sumach offering on the market. The price ruling is about 10s. per quintal, besides brokerage.

The Government are still considering measures for the protection of the sumach industry from adulteration.

MEXICO.

H.M. Consul at Mexico City (Mr. L. J. Jerome) reports that while what is known as the Laguna district, the

Cotton Growing.

valley of the Rio Nazas, in the States of Durango, Coahuila and Chihuahua, is not the only district where cotton can be grown, the crop in 1904 amounted in that district to 60,000 bales, and this year it is expected to be 80,000 bales. As there are, it is estimated, some 25,000 bales in storage, it is expected that not much American cotton will be imported to supply the cotton mills of Mexico, whose average annual consumption is about 120,000 bales.

The British Vice-Consul at San Luis Potosi (Mr. H. W. Wilson) reports that within the last few years experiments have been made in cotton growing in the south-eastern part of that State. The results at first were excellent, the staple being classified as "strict good middling," and the land producing $1\frac{1}{2}$ bales to the acre. Unfortunately, two years ago the boll weevil made its appearance and destroyed 90 per cent. of the crop. Some of the farmers are, however, still carrying on their experiments in the hopes of finally discovering some remedy for this evil. They entertain hopes of being able to get better results in dry years, as the appearance of the weevil seems to be due in great part to excessive moisture. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,429).

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UNITED KINGDOM.

A report published in the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"* of the 16th July, based on 4,935 returns, viz.: 3,570 from Employers, or their Associations, 1,265 from Trade Unions, and 100 from other sources, states that, compared with May, employment generally showed little change.

As compared with a year ago there was an improvement in the metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades, and in the textile and boot and shoe industries, but a decline in the building trades.

In the 271 Trade Unions, with an aggregate membership of 576,346, making returns, 29,995 (or 5·2 per cent.) were reported as unemployed at the end of June, 1905, as compared with 5·1 per cent. at the end of May, 1905, and 5·9 per cent. in June, 1904.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 13th July, 1905, **Cotton Statistics** was 56,493 (including 207 bales British West African), and the number imported during the 28 weeks ended the 13th July was 2,394,880 (including 3,355 bales British West Indian and 1,883 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 13th July, 1905, 4,107 bales, and for the 28 weeks, 237,535.

For further details see p. 136.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

According to the Annual Report for 1904 of the Resident-General in the Federated Malay States (Mr. W. T.

Trade in 1904. Taylor, C.M.G.), the returns of trade show a decline in the imports and exports of those States for the year 1904 as compared with the year 1903.

Excluding bullion and specie the recorded value of imports for the year was 36,867,129 dols., as compared with 41,427,287 dols. in 1903, a decrease of 4,560,158 dols. This decrease appears to have been chiefly in the class of "Live Animals, Food, &c.," the falling off in which amounted to close on 3½ million dollars. Under the head of "Manufactures" the net decrease is 370,000 dols. Cotton piece goods show a falling off to the extent of 230,000 dols., gunnies over 500,000 dols., and machinery 122,000 dols. On the other hand, there is shown an increase of 230,000 dols. in the value of paper and stationery imported, in railway materials an increase of 96,000 dols., and in joss sticks and paper 80,000 dols.

The value of the exports of merchandise, &c., in 1904 shows a reduction of 4,772,666 dols., the figures being 73,696,984 dols. for 1904 against 78,469,650 dols. in 1903.

In the class of "Raw Materials," which, so far as value is concerned, constitute upwards of 90 per cent. of the total, the

* For list of principal contents of the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette," see p. 139.

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decrease is of course due to the lower rates prevailing in local currency for tin and tin ore. As, however, the rate of exchange was higher in 1904 than in 1903 and the sterling price of tin was not much less in 1904 than in 1903, it may be assumed that some part of the decrease of 4,050,000 dols. in this article may be regarded as apparent rather than real. It may also be mentioned as an indication of the condition of trade, that the exports of refined tin from the Colony during the period under review exceeded those of the preceding year by 2,500 tons.

The only article of importance in respect of which the exports were of larger value than in 1903 is timber, in which there was an increase of 77,000 dols.

One hundred and nine pikuls of Para rubber of the value of 30,000 dols. are recorded as having been exported during the year.

FRANCE.

A report on the Fishing Industry of St. Pierre and Miquelon. Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Consul at St. Pierre (Mr. C. S. Hampson) from which it appears that the trade of these islands is practically limited to the cod-fishing industry. This has much fallen off in the last eight years, and the islands have lost nearly all their former prosperity. The catches of cod have been very poor during the last two years, but the prospects for the season of 1905 are, so far, good.

The French Government grants considerable bounties to support the French fishing industry. The object is twofold:—

Bounties to French Fishing Industry.

(a) To encourage the fishermen, in view of the naval training afforded by the business.

(b) To secure markets for the produce of the French fisheries. Bounties are, consequently, paid both to the men employed in the fishing and on the produce of the fisheries.

Under class (a) bounties are paid as follows:—

1. 50 fr. (2*l.*) to every man engaged in cod-fishing who dries his catch in Newfoundland, at St. Pierre, or Miquelon, or on Grand Bank.
2. 50 fr. (2*l.*) to every man employed on fisheries in Iceland seas, though not drying there.
3. 30 fr. (1*l.* 4*s.*) to every man fishing on Grand Bank without drying there.
4. 15 fr. (12*s.*) to every man fishing on the Dogger Bank.

Under class (b) the following bounties are paid on the produce of French fisheries:—

1. 20 fr. (16*s.*) for each "quintal" (220·46 lbs. avoirdupois) of dried cod sent to a French colony in America, India, or West

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Coast of Africa; or to transatlantic foreign countries where there is a French Consul.

2. 16 fr. (12s. 10d.) for each "quintal" of dried cod sent to France and destined for Europe, or for foreign countries on the Mediterranean, Sardinia and Algeria excluded.

3. 16 fr. (12s. 10d.) for each "quintal" of dried cod exported from ports in France to French Colonies in America and India, or to transatlantic countries, without having entered a bonded warehouse.

4. 12 fr. (9s. 7d.) per "quintal" of dried cod sent to Sardinia or Algeria.

5. 20 fr. (16s.) per "quintal" of tongues and sounds brought back to France.

(The introduction into St. Pierre and Miquelon of any produce of fisheries, other than French, is strictly prohibited).

In addition to these bounties paid by the French Government, a bounty of 50 fr. (2l.) is paid from the funds of St. Pierre to every man fishing on the "French shore."

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—RUSSIA.

In reporting that the Austrian-Lloyds S.S. Company have, by notice issued on 1st July, suspended their service between Trieste and Odessa, H.M. Consul at Trieste (Mr. J. B. Spence) gives the following particulars of the trade between these

two ports:—

"The trade between Trieste and Odessa has considerably increased during the past few years. Nearly one-tenth of the total transit trade between Austria and Russia goes *via* Trieste to Odessa. The export from Trieste to the Russian ports of the Black Sea, and especially to Odessa, rose in 1904 to 11,470 metric tons, valued at 166,667l. The import from Odessa into Trieste rose to about 38,000 metric tons, of a total value of 225,000l. The total transit trade between Trieste and the Black Sea ports during 1904 amounted to 587,500l. The principal articles exported *via* Trieste to Odessa are: coffee, drugs, chemical products, mineral waters, canned goods, tanning materials, glassware, sugar, hardware, and machinery. The principal articles imported into Austria from Odessa *via* Trieste are: grain, linseed, wool, and untanned hides."

MEXICO.

Regarding the cultivation of rubber in Mexico, H.M. Consul at Mexico City (Mr. L. J. Jerome) reports that the numerous plantations have hitherto not proved successful undertakings, that is, as dividend earners. Much harm has been done to the genuine (although, in

**Trade between
Trieste and
Odessa.**

**Failure of Rubber
Plantations.**

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Mr. Jerome's opinion, highly speculative) ventures of this kind by the operations of a number of fraudulent concerns having their headquarters in the United States. A general wholesale denunciation of rubber cultivation was made by the late United States Vice-Consul at Mexico City, which called forth a storm of protest. The State Department of Washington instituted enquiries, and the result has been that an order has been issued by the United States Government prohibiting the use of the United States mails to many of these companies.

Foiled in their own country, the promoters of these schemes are turning their attention to both the United Kingdom and Canada. It is absurd to anyone who is acquainted with the labour and climatic conditions of the hot lands of Mexico to suppose for a moment that large profits can be made out of tropical plantations. In the case of genuine concerns only a comparatively small return can be expected for the capital outlay, a much smaller return than can be obtained in safer and less speculative investments in Mexico, but when the prospectuses and literature of tropical agricultural companies promise wealth in a very short time, it is safe to assume that the undertaking should be left alone.

Mr. Jerome expresses the hope that this warning will be published in the newspapers of Liverpool, Manchester and the Midlands, as well as by Canadian papers, as these are fields of operation of the agents who are trying to induce people to invest in these schemes. They choose as a rule people who have neither the time nor the money to make proper investigations, but to whom the loss of savings is a very serious hardship indeed. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,429.)

CHINA.

According to a statement by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce of Japan, published in the report of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce, the western coast of Liaotung from Fuchow to Kaiping might be made a vast salt-field and salt be produced there at the cost of not more than 15 sen per koku (about 1½d. per cwt.), owing to the cheapness of labour. As compared with Formosa, Liaotung will prove the more profitable ground for salt producers, and an ample market can be found in Korea and Manchuria. No one, it is said, has yet engaged in this business there, which is likely to become one of the most promising enterprises for any large capitalists.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 28 Weeks ended 13th July, 1905 :—

	Week ended 13th July, 1905.	28 Weeks ended 13th July, 1905.	Week ended 13th July, 1905.	28 Weeks ended 13th July, 1905.
	IMPORTS. (Bales.)		EXPORTS. (Bales.)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
American	40,494	2,019,355	2,653	167,644
Brazilian	4,379	36,705	—	549
East Indian	4,011	30,724	56	7,357
Egyptian	6,553	269,844	1,370	59,728
Miscellaneous	1,066*	38,252†	28	2,257
Total	56,493	2,394,880	4,107	237,535

* Including 207 bales British West African.

† Including 3,355 bales British West Indian and 1,893 bales British West African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 15th July, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	Average Price.					
	Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
Week ended 15th July, 1905	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1898	32	3	23	10	19	7
1899	38	1	25	0	20	10
1900	25	5	21	10	18	0
1901	29	0	23	8	19	3
1902	27	3	23	4	19	11
1903	30	11	23	8	22	10
1904	28	3	20	5	18	7
1905	26	10	18	9	17	6

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 15th July, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

		Week ended 15th July, 1905.	Correspond- ing Week in 1904.
Animals, living :—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ...	Number.	11,928	3,935
Sheep and lambs ...	"	1,568	5,905
Swine ...	"	—	—
Horses ...	"	1,064	1,251
Fresh Meat :—			
Beef ...	Cwts.	109,972	54,906
Mutton ...	"	64,207	89,237
Pork ...	"	8,197	3,449
Salted or preserved meat :—			
Bacon ...	Cwts.	120,720	106,950
Beef ...	"	2,489	3,896
Hams ...	"	37,813	27,571
Pork ...	"	5,865	6,099
Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh ...	"	18,767	9,593
Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... ..	"	10,722	14,363
Dairy produce and substitutes :—			
Butter ...	Cwts.	86,780	88,294
Margarine ...	"	20,680	16,325
Cheese ...	"	64,014	61,692
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ...	"	—	6
" cream ...	"	129	215
" condensed ...	"	16,715	18,960
" preserved, other kinds... ..	"	27	46
Eggs ...	Grt. Hndr.	168,885	427,073
Poultry ...	Value £	2,280	3,693
Game ...	"	14	476
Rabbits, dead (not tinned) ...	Cwts.	2,490	1,420
Lard ...	"	38,183	42,291
Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—			
Wheat ...	Cwts.	2,410,100	1,761,900
Wheat meal and flour ...	"	141,800	171,600
Barley ...	"	94,500	530,200
Oats ...	"	529,500	176,000
Peas ...	"	84,270	45,280
Beans ...	"	4,880	8,680
Maise or Indian corn ...	"	616,850	738,700
Fruit, raw :—			
Apples ...	Cwts.	19,880	19,808
Apricots and peaches ...	"	4,798	3,521
Bananas ...	Bunches.	205,768	43,230
Cherries ...	Cwts.	14,595	17,502
Currants... ..	"	20,616	27,087
Gooseberries ...	"	1,890	2,540
Grapes ...	"	529	571
Lemons ...	"	18,056	25,085
Oranges ...	"	4,748	30,206
Pears ...	"	2,284	7,666
Plums ...	"	7,008	30,288
Strawberries ...	"	462	1,172
Unenumerated ...	"	20,662	37,566
Hay... ..	Tons.	2,560	2,952
Straw ...	"	1,446	993
Moss Litter. (Not shown prior to 1905) ...	"	1,682	—
Hops ...	Cwts.	215	1,135
Locust Beans ...	"	7,408	9,676
Vegetables, raw :—			
Onions ...	Bushels.	86,888	53,791
Potatoes ...	Cwts.	158,647	167,215
Tomatoes ...	"	45,021	64,707
Unenumerated ...	Value £	6,881	6,273
Vegetables, dried ...	Cwts.	1,088	2,351
Preserved by canning... ..	"	1,348	3,118

Passengers to Places out of Europe.—June, 1905.

Return of the Numbers and Nationalities of the Passengers that left the United Kingdom for Places out of Europe (distinguishing the principal Countries in which the Passengers contracted to land) during the Month ending 30th June, 1905, and the Six Months ending 30th June, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the previous Year.

Nationality.	BRITISH EMPIRE.						FOREIGN COUNTRIES.			Grand Total.	Total for corresponding Period of 1904.
	British North America.	Australia and New Zealand.	British South Africa.	India, including Ceylon.	Other British Colonies and Possessions.	Total.	United States.	Other Foreign Countries.	Total.		
Month ending 30th June.											
English	6,998	945	1,291	163	180	9,577	4,207	235	4,442	14,019	15,115
Scotch	1,854	205	287	12	2	2,360	1,383	55	1,438	3,798	3,682
Irish	868	86	71	1	1	527	2,300	17	2,317	2,844	3,227
Total of British origin.	9,220	1,236	1,649	176	183	12,464	7,890	307	8,197	20,661	22,024
Foreign	3,645	24	357	5	17	4,048	11,102	236	11,338	15,386	14,940
Nationalities not distinguished	6	—	—	80	161	247	32	122	154	401	366
Total	12,871	1,260	2,006	261	361	16,759	19,024	665	19,689	36,448	37,330
Total for corresponding period, 1904 ...	10,688	1,022	2,082	221	351	14,334	22,350	554	22,904	37,338	
Six Months ending 30th June.											
English	39,299	4,312	8,187	1,189	1,728	54,615	27,428	2,346	29,774	84,389	76,106
Scotch	8,814	663	1,891	78	75	11,021	8,427	276	8,703	19,724	17,895
Irish	1,933	272	485	3	14	2,707	22,885	110	22,995	23,702	21,563
Total of British origin.	49,546	5,147	10,563	1,270	1,817	68,343	58,740	2,732	61,472	129,515	114,704
Foreign	14,134	115	1,958	51	122	16,380	76,405	2,099	78,504	94,881	70,004
Nationalities not distinguished	17	—	—	654	949	1,620	405	1,265	1,670	3,290	2,761
Total	63,697	5,262	12,521	1,975	2,888	86,343	135,550	6,096	141,646	227,689	187,469
Total for corresponding period, 1904 ...	52,560	5,113	13,888	2,157	2,883	76,701	106,519	4,849	110,768	187,469	

NOTE.—The above figures being made up at the earliest possible date after the close of each month, are subject to correction in the Annual Returns.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of June, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that Volume I. of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country). The second volume will contain details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the July issue:—State of the Labour Market in June; Eight hour day in Government Workshops; German Labour Colonies in 1904; Coal Mining in 1904; Pauperism, 1877-1905; Recent Conciliation and Arbitration Cases, and Relief of the Unemployed in June.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the *Annual Series* issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

ANNUAL.

No. 3,433. Trade of California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona, 1904.

The subordination of agricultural to manufacturing industries and its effect on trade.

Poor results of the 1904 fruit season. Decreasing production of prunes.

Steady shrinkage of coal imports, owing to oil fuel

being used by railways and manufacturers.

Competition in the linen trade.

Trade with India and other parts of the British Empire.

Reduction in pilotage charges at San Francisco.

This publication contains also reports by the British Vice-Consuls at Los Angeles and San Diego.

*Government Publications.***No. 3,434. Finances and Trade of the Argentine Republic for 1904 and part of 1905.**

Particulars of Budget estimates for 1905.

Presidential message fore-shadows a reduction of Customs duties on articles of consumption.

Probable port improvements at Bahia Blanca, Buenos Ayres, and La Plata.

Remarks on railway and port concessions.

Foreign trade marks on imported articles should be promptly registered.

Improvement in financial and commercial conditions still continues.

No. 3,435. Trade of Foochow, 1904.

Value of foreign imports in 1904, 1,219,086*l.*, and of exports 1,476,167*l.*, as compared with 1,061,940*l.* and 1,172,445*l.* respectively in 1903.

Slight falling off in imports of cotton goods, but increase in imports of cotton yarn.

Observations on the tea trade.

Imperial Chinese Post Office statistics.

Returns of imports, exports and shipping.

No. 3,436. Trade of Para, 1903 and 1904.

Openings for British trade.

Encouraging future of the Brazilian rubber industry: remarks on the alleged adulteration of rubber.

Projected port works: statistics of traffic at the port.

Discovery of caucho.

Railways projected.

Statistics of imports, exports and revenue.

This publication also contains a report by the British Vice-Consul at Maranhão.

No. 3,437. Trade of Damascus for 1904.

Trade both in imports and exports was of a normal description.

Slight drop in value of cotton goods imported; but the United Kingdom's share of this trade has advanced from 80 to 82 per cent.

Singular lack of agricultural machinery in the district; only one threshing machine was imported in the course of the year.

Six small flour mills, of which the motive power is petroleum, are established in the district.

Permission has been granted to prolong the Damascus-Hama railway as far as Aleppo.

Remarks on railway development, with special reference to the Mecca railway.

Proposed establishment of a combined electric lighting and tramway system.

*Government Publications.***No. 3,438. Trade of Ancona, 1904.**

Increased import of British coal.

Analysis of import and export trade with various countries.

Probable falling-off in imports of chemicals owing to constant increase of chemical works in the country.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Trade Marks Bill. Report from Select Committee. 231. Price 1d.

The Select Committee to whom the Trade Marks Bill was referred have gone through the Bill and made amendments thereunto, and this paper contains the special report agreed to by the said Committee.

Navy—Hydrographer's Report, 1904. [Cd. 2,573.] Price 2d.

This is the report by the Hydrographer of the Admiralty of the work performed during the year 1904 in the examination and charting of the seas and coasts in various parts of the globe. In addition to home surveys, the following were in progress: Newfoundland, West Africa, Mediterranean, British Colombia, China, New Zealand, and the Red Sea.

Mines and Quarries. General Report for 1903. Part IV. Colonial and Foreign Statistics. [Cd. 2,600.] Price 1s. 9d.

This report contains statistics relating to persons employed, output and accidents at mines and quarries in the British Colonies and in foreign countries.

The following figures show the main sources from which the fuel supply of the world is obtained:—

Country.	Quantity.		Value.	
	Metric tons.	Increase on 1902.	£	Increase or Decrease on 1902.
United States	324,195,000	50,595,000	108,484,000	+28,061,000
Great Britain	234,030,000	3,291,000	88,228,000	- 5,293,000
Germany	162,457,000	11,857,000	55,628,000	+ 2,974,000
Austria-Hungary	40,160,000	681,000	10,272,000	- 256,000
France	34,906,000	4,909,000	19,567,000	+ 2,108,000
Belgium	23,796,000	919,000	12,360,000	+ 279,000

London Traffic. Vol. I. Report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the means of Locomotion and Transport in London. [Cd. 2,597]. Price 3s. 3d.

This Commission was instructed to report:—(a) As to the most effectual measures for the improvement of locomotion and transport in London; (b) as to the desirability of establishing some authority or tribunal to which all schemes of railway or

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tramway construction of a local character should be referred, and the powers which it would be advisable to confer upon such a body.

The Commission are of opinion that the problem of locomotion in London should be considered, in the first instance, on broad and general lines, and that, subsequently, a series of separate and distinct enquiries should be undertaken in order to deal with particular branches of the subject. Continuous attention is needed in order to ensure that the practical measures which these enquiries may show to be expedient, shall be brought into harmony with each other and with a general plan; the appointment of a permanent body to deal with questions of London locomotion is therefore recommended.

General Report to the Board of Trade upon the Accidents that have occurred on the Railways of the United Kingdom during 1904. [Cd. 2,605.] Price 9d.

According to this report 1,073 persons were killed and 6,889 injured on railways in the United Kingdom in the course of public traffic during 1904, the corresponding figures for 1903 being 1,159 and 6,785 respectively. In addition, 14 people were killed in 1904, and 661 injured by accidents which occurred upon railway premises, but in which the movement of railway vehicles was not concerned. This publication contains reports on enquiries held by the officers of the Railway Department of the Board of Trade into certain accidents which occurred during 1904.

Home Office. Annual Report of H.M. Inspectors of Explosives for 1904. [Cd. 2,595.] Price 2s.

This publication deals with the manufacture, storage, packing, conveyance, importation and Government inspection of explosives. Details are given of the accidents by fire or explosion of which the Home Office had cognisance during 1904. These show a total of 355, causing, so far as is known, 56 deaths, and injuring 391 persons. Special chapters are devoted to petroleum and to carbide of calcium and acetylene.

Board of Agriculture. Agricultural Statistics, 1904. [Cd. 2,594.] Price 1s. 5d.

This volume, which is published by the Board of Agriculture, contains the definite returns as to the acreage and produce of crops, prices of corn, &c., number of live stock in Great Britain in 1904, and also similar particulars as regards Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, certain British Colonies and foreign countries. A report summarising and commenting on the returns is prefixed to the tables of statistics. A preliminary statement of the total produce of the crops of wheat, barley, and oats in Great Britain in 1904, prepared by the Board of Agriculture, was published in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 1st December last (p. 397).

THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

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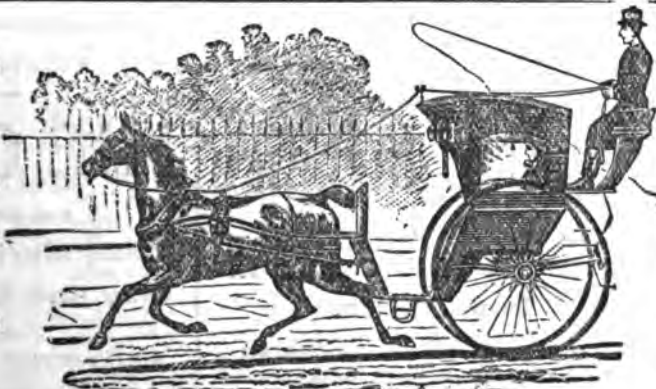
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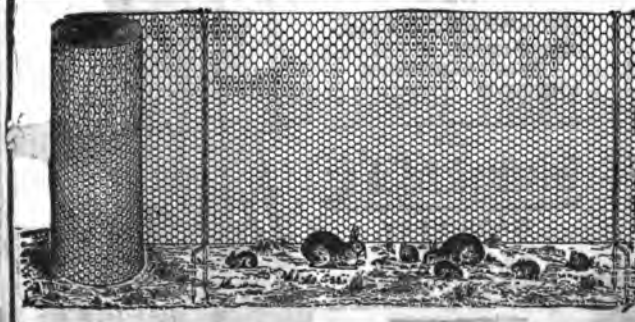
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MERTHYR TYDFIL.—September 1st.—Erection of refuse destructor plant, for the Merthyr Tydfil Urban District Council. Mr. T. Fletcher Harvey, Engineer and Surveyor to the Council, Town Hall, Merthyr Tydfil. (Fee, £3 3s., returnable.)

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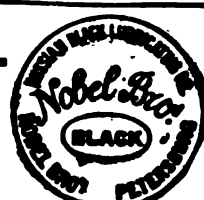
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The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 191.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 192.

OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

BRITISH INDIA.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of:—

Wagons and
Brake Vans.

Coal wagons, covered wagons, and brake
vans,

as per specification to be seen at the Company's offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C.

Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for

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Wagons and Brake Vans" not later than noon, on Wednesday, the 2nd August.

The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

CANADA.

The following were among the recent enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Enquiries relating Offices, Victoria Street, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—An English firm offering good references are desirous of obtaining the representation of Canadian shippers of tallow, oil seeds, canned fruits and provisions, and fruit pulp.

The makers of a successful form of agricultural motor, which will haul 3-furrow ploughs, mowing machines, reapers and binders, and in addition drive threshing machines, chaff cutters, mills, pumps, dynamos, &c., desire to sell their patent rights for the manufacture of the motor in Canada.

A Canadian malting firm in a position to export are anxious to get into communication with British and Irish brewers and distillers.

The addresses of the largest dealers in sporting requisites are required by a Canadian Lacrosse Company in a position to export.

A Canadian manufacturer of handles (hammer and pick) wishes to correspond with dealers in England.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following trade enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—A manufacturer of Belfast ginger ale wishes to appoint a Canadian resident agent.

A firm of importers of butter, cheese, provisions and other produce wish to hear from Canadian shippers of these goods.

A firm of London importers ask for samples and quotations of Canadian barley, second grade.

Canadian Enquiry.—A British Columbia shipper of cedar doors and cedar pattern wood wishes to get into communication with importers of these goods.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

According to the "South African Engineer" (Johannesburg), the numerous municipal electric light and power establishments in South Africa give to importers opportunities which did not previously exist for the introduction of many new appliances. Among those lending themselves to profitable trading, none are more suitable to South African circumstances than small refrigerating plants for creameries, dairies, milk retailers, and butchers. For the keeping of milk fresh in hot weather they are specially useful, and a small plant of this kind, capable of chilling 150 to 200 gallons of milk in an hour, and for cooling a cold storage room about 12 ft. square by 7 ft. high, requires only a 3 to 3½ h.p. motor, with the necessary shafting. On occasion, of course, the same plant may be made available for driving revolving brushes for cleaning churns, also for driving cream separators and other dairy appliances. The utility indeed of small motors of this kind is very great, and they have a further recommendation, which appeals to municipal electrical engineers, in that they provide a use for current when the demand for lighting is of the slackest character.

EGYPT.

A communication has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from the Administration of the Egyptian State Railways notifying that tenders for the supply of 210,000 metric tons of Welsh coal during the year 1906, will be received by the Administration until the 1st October next.

Specifications containing forms of tender can be obtained of Lieut.-Col. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Westminster, S.W., upon payment of 2s. per copy. A copy may also be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

RUSSIA.

In his report for 1904, H.M. Consul at Moscow (Mr. H. M. Grove) writes on the subject of agricultural machinery as follows:—

**Agricultural
Machinery.**

"Local firms and representatives in agricultural machinery have done somewhat worse in comparison with previous years, as the Siberian market has been virtually cut off. However, when the line clears for general traffic again large orders may be expected, the more so as large amounts of money are being expended in Siberia for grain, forage, wood, &c., for the army.

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RUSSIA—continued.

"The difference in the class of machinery required in Russia, as compared to that used in the United Kingdom, must be borne in mind. The small and weak pony of Russia cannot draw a heavy plough. As I have pointed out in previous reports, the Russian and Siberian requirements in many ways resemble those of Canada, and I am informed that Canada is sending over some light ploughs which seem to be very suitable.

"Taking into consideration the peasant's general ignorance of machinery, and the fact that in all probability the nearest place where repairs could be effected would be at a considerable distance, the following main suggestions may again be repeated:—(1) Simplicity of construction; (2) lightness; (3) dépôts where all sorts of machinery can be shown, and their construction, &c., explained in the local dialect to would-be purchasers; (4) interchangeable parts and standardisation of machinery; (5) accuracy of manufacture; (6) simplicity of arrangement; (7) cheapness and easy terms of payment; (8) careful packing." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,441*).

The "Journal de St. Pétersbourg" of 28th June/11th July states that the construction of a railway between Taschkent and Omsk has been definitely decided on; the Minister of Ways and Communications having already allotted 1,200,000 roubles (about 126,000*l.*) for that purpose.

Railway Construction.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" (Brussels) of 21st July, states that the adjudication will take place on the 12th/25th August, at the Administration of the Kouban District, Yekaterinodar, Caucasus, of tenders for the concession of the Atchoff and Slobodsk-Maly fisheries for a term of six years from 1st August, 1906. A deposit of 20 per cent. of the amount of the annual payment offered is required to qualify any tender.

Fishery Concession.

NETHERLANDS.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. C. Robinson) that tenders will be received up to 16th August, by the Netherlands Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for the supply of the following material:—

Railway Material and Iron.

Contract Surinam VIII.: Forty axles with spoke wheels for carriages and wagons.

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NETHERLANDS—*continued.*

Contract Surinam IX.: Supporting springs for wagons.

Contract Surinam X.: Cast-iron supporting pots with appurtenances for carriages and wagons.

Contract lit. W. II.: beam, canal, and "zores" iron.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Mart. Nijhoff, Bookseller, The Hague, on payment of 1 florin (1s. 8d.) per contract.

A communication has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from H.M. **Cardiff Coal.** Consul at Rotterdam (Mr. H. Turing) notifying that tenders will be received up to the 5th August by the Director of Naval Establishments at Willemsoord for the supply and delivery of about 10,000 tons of Cardiff coal.

The coal must be from one of the following mines:—

Nixon Navigation Co., Limited; Penhrwhyton Navigation (large coals); Harris Deep Navigation; Ocean Merthyr (steam coals); Hoods Merthyr (steam coals); Oriental Merthyr (steam coals); Insoles Merthyr (steam coals); International Cardiff; National Merthyr; Great Western Navigation (smokeless steam coals); Albion Merthyr; Cwms Merthyr; Cyfarthfa; Dowlais Merthyr; Ferndale; Hill's Plymouth Merthyr; Lewis Merthyr; Lockets Merthyr; Naval Merthyr; Powell Duffrey; Dowlais Cardiff.

The coal must not contain more than 25 per cent. small coal. Certificate of origin, vised by the Netherlands Consul at port of shipment must be produced. Delivery is to be made in quantities of 1,000 tons.

H.M. Consul adds that no tenders direct from English firms will be accepted, one of the conditions being that tenders must be made through Dutch firms.

FRANCE—ALGERIA.

The French "Journal Officiel" of 19th July, publishes the text of a Law authorising the expenditure of 17,700,000 francs (about 708,000*l.*) on the enlargement of the port of Oran. The Law contains a clause fixing a scale of shipping dues to be levied by the port authorities, with a view to providing for a portion of this expenditure.

The "Journal" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

In his recent report, H.M. Consul-General at Lourenço Marques (Major Baldwin) says that the imports of
Hats and Umbrellas. clothing for native use consist chiefly of hats and umbrellas. Cheap articles which look well and do not last too long are required. The demand must increase with the increasing wealth of the natives.

Major Baldwin also states that the imports of cutlery into Lourenço Marques have nearly trebled since
Cutlery. last year, and it may be taken that the bulk of the increase is due to the Kaffir demand. There should be a steady increase for some years to come. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,439.*)

SPAIN.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 17th July contains a notice inviting
Electric Tramway Concessions. tenders, which will be opened at noon on 20th September, at the Directorate-General of Public Works, Madrid, for the concession of an electric tramway in Zaragoza. An application for this concession has already been made by the Zaragoza Tramways Company, who, at the same rates, will enjoy certain preferential rights over other tenderers. The competition will turn, in the first place, on the reduction of the tariffs proposed, and if two or more identical propositions are made, a further competition will take place verbally as to what reduction (if any) of the period (60 years) of the concession tenderers may be prepared to accept.

A deposit of 474 pesetas (about 14*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The same issue of the "Gaceta" announces that an application, accompanied by a plan and guarantee, has been received at the Directorate-General of Public Works, Madrid, from the Malaga Tramways Company for a concession for an electric tramway in Malaga. One month from the date of the publication of this announcement in the "Gaceta" is allowed for the presentation of applications, accompanied by their corresponding plans and guarantees, upon terms more favourable to the Government.

The "Gaceta" of 18th July contains a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened at noon on 25th August,
Safes. at the Directorate-General of Posts and Telegraphs, Madrid, for the supply of 60 steel safes to be used for the custody of postal funds and documents, at the upset price of 53,100 pesetas (about 1,659*l.*) Tenders will be received until the 19th August, at the above-mentioned office, and

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SPAIN—continued.

at the offices of the Civil Governments of Barcelona, Valencia, and Viscaya, where conditions of tender are on view. A deposit of 2,650 pesetas (about 79*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta" of 19th July contains a notice to the effect that tenders will be opened at the offices of the Telegraph Wire. Director-General of the Telegraph Department, Carretas, 10, Madrid, 30 days after the publication of the notice, for the supply of 50 tons of galvanised iron wire, four millimetres in diameter, and 5 tons of bronze wire, two millimetres in diameter. The maximum price at which tenders will be received is 1,570 pesetas (about 47*l.*) per ton for galvanised iron wire, and 3,450 pesetas (about 108*l.*) per ton for bronze wire. A deposit of 5 per cent. of the value of the goods at the upset price is required to qualify any tender.

N.B.—It is notified from H.M. Embassy at Madrid that a foreigner, when entering into contracts for the performance of public works in Spain, must renounce by public act all rights to which he might be entitled by virtue of the law of his own country in so far as his contract is concerned, and accept any administrative decisions that may be issued respecting questions arising from that contract.

In entering into such contracts a local agent is a practical necessity.

ITALY.

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" (Rome) of 16th July notifies an application received by the Prefect of Sondrio, from Signor Luigi Sala, of Milan, for the appropriation of water from the Liro, Scalcoggia and Drogo waterfalls, in the communes of Campodoleino and San Giacomo Filippo, for the production of electric power.

ROUMANIA.

The British Vice-Consul at Galatz (Hon. H. C. Dundas) notes, in his report for 1904, the following openings for British trade in Roumania :—

"Boots and shoes will sell well if made according to the French shape with thin soles. There is a large demand for goloshes and snowshoes in the winter time. At present Russia sells well, America sells also but the quality is inferior."

"The cheap Vienna enamelware is largely sold, but the solid British make would obtain a market if well pushed."

Openings for British Trade.

ROUMANIA—*continued.*

Ploughs. "In most districts double-bladed ploughs are preferred. Austria-Hungary, and in some cases Germany, are introducing ploughs made entirely of steel with good results.

Whiskey. "Firms should be careful not to send more labels, corks and capsules than are required for the amount of whiskey sent. The labels and documents, &c., should be sent to a local bank to be delivered against cash. They should note that if spirits are sent in barrels adulteration is very probable.

Lemonade and Syphon Bottles. "Lemonade and syphon bottles are imported chiefly from Bohemia. The curved spout only sells on this market. Green lemonade bottles were once imported largely from the United Kingdom, but the trade has fallen off 55 per cent. during the last five years owing to German competition. The British bottles are superior, and the loss to British trade is due to the fact that Germany undersells to the small amount of 5 per cent., besides offering more liberal terms of payment.

Earthenware. "British earthenware is too heavy and the packing costly. If these defects can be remedied the United Kingdom would be able to compete with Germany." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,432.*)

Asphalte Paving: Building Construction. The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" (Brussels) of 21st July states that the Bucharest City Council have decided to lay down asphalte in the Place Bibesco Voda, which has an area of 24,000 square metres, at an estimated cost of 360,000 frs. (about 14,400*l.*), and to erect markets round the Place, at an estimated cost of 750,000 frs. (about 30,000*l.*). The works will be carried out under the direction of M. Mandréa, Chief Architect, Municipal Offices, Bucharest.

OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

Water Works. H.M. Consul at Damascus (Mr. W. S. Richards) reports that, although no public works were carried out during the past year, yet two, not to say three, schemes of very great public utility were almost continuously under consideration throughout that period; the first and, in one sense, the most feasible, having reached the stage of being reported on in detail by a competent foreign engineer. This refers to a project for supplying the city with a

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OTTOMAN EMPIRE—*continued.*

good and abundant supply of drinking water from the Ain Fiji source of the Barada River, which, it has been calculated by the engineer in question, will cost 36,260*l.*

The other scheme referred to is a combined electric lighting and tramway system, which, strange as it may seem to those who know Damascus, is now under serious consideration with a view to its realisation. The possibilities of this enterprise too have been studied on the spot by a competent Belgian engineer, whose report, which, so far as one can learn, is on the whole distinctly favourable, has been sent to Constantinople. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,437.*)

The British Vice-Consul at Bitlis (Mr. W. J. Heathcote) in his report for 1904, writes:—

Steamers on Lake Van. “The Governor-General appears to have considered the idea of placing one or more steamers on Lake Van; it is understood that this scheme received the Imperial sanction some years ago, but, owing to financial or other difficulties, it was not carried out. Should it ever be put into execution, it may be hoped that the vessels might be purchased in the United Kingdom, and, though there is little prospect of this being done at present, it may be suggested that their engines should be suitable for liquid fuel, which could be brought without difficulty from Russia to Van.” (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,442.*)

MOROCCO.

H.M. Consul at Dar-al-Baida (Mr. A. Maclean) says in his recent report that manufacturers of domestic sanitary appliances, and of roofings suitable to withstand the hot sun of summer and the heavy rains of winter, should direct their attention to the potentialities of the Moroccan market. There is no great opening at present, but reliable agents should be provided with samples of simple, strong and inexpensive goods.

House and store fittings, such as locks, hinges, window frames, &c., may, adds Mr. Maclean, soon be required.

Morocco Jews and Jewesses are discarding their native dress in favour of European apparel, and, in Mr. Maclean's opinion, there would appear to be a growing market for cheap ready-made clothes for men and youths, bright-coloured dress materials, millinery and coarse

Openings for British Trade.

MOROCCO—continued.

stockings for women and girls. The prevailing taste is for bright colours, but both sides of a coin are looked at before it is spent. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,443.*)

The British Vice-Consul at Mogador (Mr. E. M. Madden) reports that the imports of cotton goods into that port last year were valued at 109,000*l.*, an increase of 23,000*l.* over 1903. More than 600 bales of blue sallampores were imported direct from the French East Indies *via* Marseilles. Better class calicoes might be introduced, especially twilled calicoes; also as regards flannelettes, which the Arabs like so much, cream and grey colours would, it is suggested, have a sale.

Mr. Madden also points out that the needles and cotton generally on sale there are of a very inferior quality. Those of good British makers, when procurable, are very much appreciated. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,443.*)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have received from the British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) copies of notices (Nos. 251, 252 and 255) issued from the office of the General Purchasing Officer at Washington for the Isthmian Canal Commission, calling for tenders for the supply of—

(No. 251) Sheet copper, copper rivets, asphalt melting furnaces and a steam roller;

(No. 252) Furnishings for bachelor quarters; and

(No. 255) Two dipper dredges.

Sealed tenders in triplicate addressed to the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on the 11th, 14th and 19th August. respectively.

Specifications and full information may be obtained from the General Purchasing Officer at Washington. Copies of the specifications may be examined at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

In connection with the foregoing, attention is directed to the article which appeared on pp. 593-4 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.

The report for 1904 of H.M. Consul-General at San Francisco (Mr. C. W. Bennett), states that the advantage

Earthenware. possessed by British manufacturers in being able to ship earthenware goods direct to that market by sailing vessel has enabled them to hold their own in San Francisco and its vicinity. The home manufacturers control the trade of the greater part of the State, however, and obtain the lowest possible rates of freight by forwarding their goods inland by the truck load. It is said that the imported article is superior in shape and finish to the domestic, although the latter is being constantly improved.

No difference is noted in the sale of decorated high grade British china, for which a good demand continued throughout the year. The method of establishing agencies in New York is evidently found to work well as additional firms have recently engaged representatives there.

Cloth. Imported cloth continues to supply most of the demand for high-class clothing and part of that for medium, but has been entirely supplanted by the domestic article for low grade goods in the San Francisco market. The import duty of practically 100 per cent. puts it out of reach of all except those to whom price is no object. Domestic manufacturers are constantly improving the quality of their goods and competition from this quarter becomes keener each year.

It is difficult to suggest any means by which British manufacturers could improve their position, as they seem to be doing all they can to maintain the trade by exporting direct and showing samples locally.

The situation in linens shows little change as compared with 1903.

Linens. In mercerised damasks the German manufacturers lead as regards finish and designs, but in bleached damasks the Irish and Scotch makers more than hold their own. American manufacturers are turning out some very good cheap articles of damask with showy designs, which take with the public.

British makers might make an effort to produce damask towels at popular prices to compete with the Germans, who apparently enjoy the largest sales. In huckaback towels the Americans are rapidly gaining control of the market, and are constantly improving the quality of their goods.

The finest qualities of linen crashes are still imported from the United Kingdom, but the domestic manufacturers are cutting into the trade as regards lower qualities.

Openings for British Trade.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.

The Swiss makers continue to enjoy the bulk of the trade in cotton embroidered handkerchiefs, their patterns being much more effective than those employed in producing Irish hand embroidered goods. In the finer grades of linen embroidered handkerchiefs, the Irish manufacturers hold their own. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,433.*)

COSTA RICA.

H. M. Consul at San José (Mr. F. N. Cox) reports that careful surveys and plans have been completed for the drainage and water supply of that city—works of very urgent necessity, which will probably be taken in hand at an early date.

Mr. Cox also states that it has been definitely decided that the Pacific terminal of the Pacific Railway is to be Puntarenas, and the route between Santo Domingo and Puntarenas was, at the date of the report (5th June), being surveyed; the whole length of the line from the capital to the port will be about 73 miles. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,444.*)

CHILE.

The "Diario Oficial" of Chile of 7th June contains a Decree authorising the construction of waterworks in Iquique, at a cost of 3,000,000 pesos (about 225,000*l.*).

BRAZIL.

A communication has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from H.M. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. C. B. Rhind), enclosing an extract from the "Jornal do Commercio," from which it appears that the municipality of that city have authorised the Zoological Garden Co. to construct and work a tramway, by animal or electric traction, between the Zoological Garden and the Rua Conselheiro Thomaz Coelho.

In his report, dated 31st May, on the trade of Pará, H.M. Consul there (Mr. W. A. Churchill) states it is probable that the following articles will be in demand shortly:—Electric light and power plant; gas and sewage pipes and mains; hydro-electric plant for projected railways; engineering material for port works; cement; patent fuel.

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Pará aspires to possess first class port works, docks, warehouses, custom houses, &c., and hopes that these improvements will be made with foreign funds. The project is not new, but as it is engaging the attention of financiers and contractors in various countries at the present time, there would appear to be some prospect that it may develop into a reality at no distant date. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,436.*)

ARGENTINA.

The recent report on the trade, &c., of Argentina, by Mr. F. Harford, First Secretary to H.M. Legation at

Cutlery.

Buenos Ayres, states that the import of cutlery into that country increased by 1,460 cases, in 1904, to 5,896 cases. It mostly comes from Solingen, Sheffield, and France. According to a Belgian report, there is a demand at Buenos Ayres for knives with ornamental and novel handles.

Fencing wire, notably barbed wire, is very largely imported; its importation last year increased by 22,134

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tons to the total import of 56,476 tons, owing to the large extent of new land that is being enclosed. Most of this comes from Germany and the United States. In a Belgian trade report it is stated that oval wire is replacing round wire, as it is very strong, and its weight per metre is relatively less, which is of great importance as the duty is by weight. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,434.*)

Attention is called to p. 177 where a further extract from Mr.

Harford's report dealing with gold dredging in
Gold Dredges. Argentina will be found. Mr. Harford states that a large number of dredges are shortly

to be ordered.

BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

Guatemala.—A communication has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from the British Commercial Agent in Guatemala (Mr. E. H. Melville), in the course of which he writes:—

“My experience in commercial matters in these countries goes to prove that a personal representation by large firms is more likely to give satisfactory results than relying solely upon an agent that has other interests to watch and look after; and I would most strongly advocate the sending of a young and pushing man . . . who, having the interests of the firm, as also his own at heart, would be content to work on a small salary and commission. Such a man could push his firm's goods much better than a general agent would be able to do. . . .

“The foregoing is being done by many German firms, who send

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out young men primarily to some firm already established here; these, after having acquired the language and customs of the people amongst whom they purpose to work, later on set up for themselves as commission agents, being backed up by their foster firm, and eventually do a good business both for themselves as also for the firm that sent them out to work in their interest.

"I could mention several English companies that have adopted the foregoing system in Central America, and the same is bound to result most favourably for them. I can only hope that more would also see their way to procuring a personal and entirely exclusive representation in these countries."

Curacoa.—H.M. Consul at Curacoa (Mr. J. Jesurun) in his recent report on that island, remarks that although there are several firms there well equipped for representing manufacturers and making arrangements for their travellers to canvass in the various cities in the neighbouring Republics of the West Indies, South and Central America, he would be pleased to receive from British manufacturers and producers at home and in the colonies, for distribution among interested parties in his district, catalogues and samples of their manufacture and produce as well as quotations. Mr. Jesurun says he is prepared and able to give assistance to British traders in this connection. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,428).

Roumania.—In his recent report (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,432), the British Vice-Consul at Galatz (Hon. H. C. Dundas) remarks upon the fact that no commercial travellers for British firms called at the Consulate-General during the past two years in order to make enquiries, whereas United States and even German travellers have come seeking information. He says that Roumanians like British goods for their quality, but complain of delay in execution of orders and want of consideration in dealing with complaints. Regarding circulars and advertisements, &c., which are useless, of course, in English, he writes:—

"The receipt of all circulars and advertisements is promptly acknowledged, and the papers placed on a table in the advertising room of this Consulate-General. The firms in question are communicated with and informed that if they care to send a sample or model free of all expenses (customs, freight, &c.), it will be placed in the glass cupboard reserved for that purpose.

"This department was instituted by me with the sanction of His Majesty's Consul-General on 1st January, 1904, and has, I am glad to say, been freely used, much appreciated, and as a result business has thereby been furthered and better guarantees of payment obtained. The form for addressing parcels is 'Advertising Department, British Consulate-General, Galatz'."

"Catalogues should not be sent with solid covers, as customs, stamps, &c., are heavy. The duties on catalogues with paper covers are small in comparison."

IMPORT TRADE OF THE TRANSVAAL.

With reference to the statement on pp. 592-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June, the following table, showing the value of the principal and other articles imported into the Transvaal during the four months ended 30th April, 1905, as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year, has been compiled from official figures published in the "Transvaal Government Gazette" of 23rd June:—

Imports.

Articles of Merchandise.	Four Months ended 30th April.	
	1904.	1905.
Metals and manufactures of (<i>includes agricultural implements, hardware, iron and steel manufactures, machinery, wire rope, &c.</i>)	£ 896,000	£ 892,000
Provisions, exclusive of corn and dairy products (<i>includes coffee, chicory, biscuits, meats, fresh and preserved, fish, fresh and preserved, jams, sugar, tea, vegetables, fruits, condiments, salt, &c.</i>) ...	725,000	742,000
Apparel, haberdashery, &c. (<i>includes hats</i>)	561,000	526,000
Corn and grain (<i>includes flour, meal and rice</i>)	373,000	390,000
Wood and manufactures (<i>includes furniture</i>)	303,000	285,000
Live animals	116,000	236,000
Dairy products (<i>includes butter and butterine, eggs, cheese, preserved milk, &c.</i>)	208,000	189,000
Drugs and chemicals	139,000	185,000
Leather and manufactures (<i>includes saddlery and boots and shoes</i>)	167,000	182,000
Beverages (<i>includes ale, spirits, wine and mineral waters</i>)	140,000	133,000
Arms and ammunition (<i>includes dynamite and other explosives</i>)	85,000	121,000
Cotton manufactures	72,000	110,000
Stationery and paper (<i>includes wall paper and books</i>)	90,000	96,000
Vehicles (<i>includes cycles and accessories</i>)	105,000	94,000
Soap and candles	77,000	94,000
Groceries and oilmen's stores (<i>includes oils, paints, turpentine and varnish</i>)	100,000	93,000
Tobacco, raw and manufactured (<i>includes cigars and cigarettes</i>)	63,000	75,000
Electric cable wire and fittings	22,000	65,000
Jewellery and plated ware (<i>includes clocks and watches</i>)	54,000	64,000
Woollen manufactures	42,000	49,000
Tramway material	30,000	41,000
Instruments, musical and other	27,000	27,000
Cocoa, chocolate, and confectionery	19,000	24,000
Glass and glassware	28,000	22,000
Other articles of merchandise	174,000	205,000
Total... ..	£ 4,616,000	£ 4,940,000

Of the total value of merchandise imported into the Transvaal during the four months ended 30th April, 1905, 1,727,000*l.* worth were sent *via* Cape Colony, 2,121,000*l.* worth *via* Natal, and 1,092,000*l.* worth *via* Delagoa Bay.

NOTE.—The above figures do not include free importations for Local Government or Military Stores, or Railway Material imported as "Government Stores."

COTTON CULTIVATION IN COREA.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Minister at Seoul (Sir J. N. Jordan, K.C.M.G.), transmitting the following memorandum, drawn up by a member of the Legation, containing the substance of a report by Mr. Kato, a professor in the Department of Commerce and Agriculture in Tokio, who has recently visited Corea in order to make investigations into the suitability of the country for the cultivation of cotton:—

Cotton districts and soil.—The principal districts where cotton is at present produced in Corea are the provinces of Pyeng An, Chöl La, Chung Cheng, Kyeng Sang, Keung Keui, and Whang Hai. The soil in these districts consists for the most part of disintegrated granite sand, and friable earth, well suited for the cultivation of cotton; but the farming methods of the Coreans are primitive and inefficient, and the area of cotton under cultivation might, with improved methods and the use of proper manures, be greatly extended.

Climate.—The temperature does not differ greatly from that of the districts in the neighbourhood of Osaka and Hiroshima, the principal centres of cotton growing in Japan, the whole of Corea, with the exception of the most northerly parts of the country, lying south of the 41st parallel of north latitude.

Again, the cotton plant thrives best with good circulation of air and a plentiful supply of water, and more especially with but little rain during the flowering period, from the end of August to October. The climate of Corea, therefore, should be most favourable to its successful cultivation.

Species.—Although it is not possible to specify clearly the different species of cotton grown in Corea, those kinds of cotton known in Japan as Corean cotton are, (a) red-stalk, (b) green-stalk, (c) large Corean and (d) small Corean cotton. The green-stalk, which is distinguished by its number of stalks and its somewhat short fibre, also by its being the earliest variety by some six or seven days, is the only distinct species, all the others being much alike as regards the quality of the cotton, and only differing in appearance.

Quality of the Cotton.—The fibre is fine and long; compared with Japanese cotton about one-tenth to one-seventh of an inch longer, and consequently somewhat longer than Chinese cotton and equal to Indian. In future, with careful cultivation, it should rival Indian cotton. Its lustre is about the same as that of Indian or Chinese cotton, but not quite so good as the Japanese.

Suitability of American Cotton to Corea.—As has been said above, Corea is well suited to the culture of cotton. The cultivation of American upland cotton has not made much progress in Japan, owing to the excessive rainfall. As the rainfall in

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Corea, however, is considerably less, and as the kinds now grown do well in the country, the conditions should be well suited to the cultivation of American upland cotton. Moreover, as the American variety is able to stand the heat of the morning sun, the plains and projected seashore reclamations in Corea would be excellently suited for its culture, and the introduction of the American plant should be attended with considerable success.

Seeing that the conditions in Corea would appear favourable to the cultivation of American cotton, while the cost of importation into Japan from America renders this description very expensive, the cultivation of cotton, and especially of the American variety, in Corea, should tend to lend a great impetus to the cotton industry in Japan.

Cultivation by Japanese already proposed.—An association for the cultivation of cotton in Corea has already been formed (see p. 37 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th July), and proposes to commence operations this year in the neighbourhood of Mokpo. The sowing time being now* at hand, an expert and labourers are being sent from Japan. The selection of these and the conduct of the experimental efforts, are to be under the direction of the Department of Agriculture. The authorities in Japan have promised their full support to the venture.

* Despatch dated 15th May.

SILK CONDITIONED AT EUROPEAN SILK CENTRES.

With reference to the article on p. 305 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 16th February last, the following statistics have been received from H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey), showing the amount of silk conditioned at Milan during the first six months of the years 1904 and 1905, as compared with the amount of silk conditioned at other European silk centres during the same period:—

Silk Centres.	1904.					1905.				
	Organ-sine.	Tram.	Raw.	Other.	Total.	Organ-sine.	Tram.	Raw.	Other.	Total.
	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.
Milan	970,165	500,545	3,340,130	83,830	3,903,760	650,455	773,130	3,173,730	266,985	4,863,290
Lyons	443,164	506,656	2,352,289	42,921	3,345,030	473,614	594,983	2,356,061	24,242	3,447,899
St. Etienne	197,400	87,783	124,044	668	409,905	235,889	100,743	109,308	1,005	436,944
Crefeld	106,873	86,320	36,608	7,693	237,494	113,211	97,915	33,337	8,504	252,967
Basle	99,993	55,664	89,748	303	245,697	132,713	84,874	64,900	198	282,384
Turin	119,431	4,223	71,199	1,359	196,202	165,148	29,331	141,469	1,388	337,351
Elberfeld..	98,308	53,638	67,745	—	220,651	136,183	70,205	81,579	489	268,456

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The Board of Customs have recently issued a General Order (No. 53/1905), notifying that General Order 93/1902* relating to the sampling and weighing at manufacturers' premises of British manufactured tobacco intended for direct shipment as merchandise on drawback, is extended to include tobacco stalks, shorts, smalls, or other refuse of tobacco, including offal snuff. The regulations under which this concession is allowed may be seen by persons interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

**Sampling and
Weighing of
Tobacco Refuse
presented for
Exportation.**

UNITED KINGDOM—GREECE.

The Board of Trade desire to direct attention to the fact that a "Declaration" supplementary to the Anglo-Greek Commercial Treaty of 1886, and the Anglo-Greek Commercial Agreement of 1890, embodying certain changes in the Greek Tariff as regards rates of Customs duty leviable on various articles of interest to British trade, was concluded at Athens in November last, and having received the sanction of the Greek legislature is now in force.

By this Declaration His Majesty's Government agree to withdraw their protest against the Greek Currant Retention Law and "Land Tax and Export Duty on Currants'" Law, which in their opinion are inconsistent with the terms of the Anglo-Greek Commercial Agreement of 1890, in return for the tariff concessions stated in the Schedule appended to the Declaration, a complete translation of which is given below. The reduction of duty on codfish mentioned in the Schedule is a concession to Newfoundland in return for the free admission of Greek currants and sultanias into that Colony.

British Colonies, &c., which are parties to the Anglo-Greek Commercial Treaty of 1886, are now accorded the right of separate withdrawal therefrom, should they see fit, on the expiration of twelve months' notice. The Declaration also stipulates that goods produced or manufactured in any portion of the British Empire shall enjoy unconditional most-favoured-nation treatment in Greece so long as such portion of the British Empire accords to goods of Greek origin treatment as favourable as it gives to the goods of any other foreign country.

The Treaty of 1886, the Agreement of 1890, and the present Declaration will continue in force for five years, and thereafter from year to year failing twelve months' notice of determination.

* See "Board of Trade Journal" for 1st January, 1903, p. 21.

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The following is a translation of the Schedule of Greek Tariff concessions appended to the Declaration, comparing the previous and the reduced rates, and showing the English equivalents of the duties:—

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rates of Duty per 100 okes.		English Equivalents per cwt.			
		Formerly.	As Modified by New Declaration.	Of Former Rates.		Of New Rates.	
		Drachmae (gold).	Drachmae (gold).	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
*117	Herrings	20-00	7-68	0	6 5	0	2 5½
13	Cod and stockfish ...	11-36½	5-00	0	3 8	0	1 7½
139	Confectionery of all kinds, of honey or of sugar ...	300-00	38-40	4	16 0	0	12 3½
	NOTE.—From the above class of the Tariff are excepted halva and rahatlakoum as well as similar articles specially mentioned in the Tariff in force at the date of signature of the Anglo-Greek Declaration of 1904, and chocolate, chocolate and other creams, candied fruits, and all kinds of fondants.						
142	Biscuits (<i>galettes</i>), " <i>gimblettes</i> ," &c., with sugar or butter or both; and crackers with or without sugar or butter, and all similar goods, including " <i>pâte à katalif</i> " ...	80-00	40-00	1	5 7	0	12 9½
143	Fruit preserved in vessels hermetically sealed; fruit preserved in wine or spirits or solution of sugar, as well as marmalade, and jam, jellies, and other articles not specially mentioned...	200-00	100-00	3	4 0	1	12 0
156	Cotton threads for sewing, wound on cards or bobbins, or in skeins, white, unbleached, or dyed, twisted or corded or not, without tare allowance as regards cards ...	150-00	100-00	2	8 0	1	12 0
159c	Dyed cotton tissues for linings...	120-00	100-00	1	18 5	1	12 0
168c	Carpets of hemp or jute...	80-00	40-00	1	5 7	0	12 9½
185	Tissue of wool or other animal hair (<i>poil</i>) not specially mentioned, of any colour or make, having the warp or weft entirely of cotton or with cotton predominating in warp and weft, and weighing more than 450 grammes per square metre; and satin of wool and cotton ...	130-00	100-00	2	1 7	1	12 0
203	Coarse hempen tissues ...	80-00	15-00	0	9 7	0	4 9½
	NOTE.—Coarse tissues of jute for making sacks are included in the above class of the Tariff						

* No. 11 of the Tariff relates to fish salted or in brine, smoked, pickled or dried.

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AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

A copy of the "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 13th May last has been received, containing the following Customs by-law, which came into force on 8th May, 1905, regulating the methylation of cotton-seed oil within the Commonwealth:—

Regulations respecting the Methylation of Cotton-seed Oil.
1. Imported cotton-seed oil, or cotton-seed oil manufactured from imported cotton-seed, delivered under departmental by-laws, may be methylated in pursuance of these by-laws.

2. Prior to removal from the wharf, if imported, or from the place of manufacture, if not imported, the vessels containing the oil shall be sealed by an officer.

3. After the oil has been sealed it shall only be opened by the authority and in the presence of an officer.

4. Immediately after the oil has been opened, it shall be methylated in the presence and to the satisfaction of an officer.

5. In this by-law "methylated" means mixed with some substance approved by the Collector, in such a manner as to render the oil unfit for use as a beverage, or in food, or incapable of being converted to that use.

The above By-law repeals the By-laws of 3rd December, 1901, and 3rd April, 1903.

The "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 27th May last, contains a by-law, dated 22nd May, which provides for the free importation of "headbands" used as minor articles in the manufacture of books within the Commonwealth.

NATAL.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the "Natal Government Gazette" for 13th June last, which contains a Proclamation (No. 63 of 1905), dated 12th June, 1905, prohibiting the importation, with effect from 1st July, 1905, of various plants, under certain conditions, into the Colony of Natal.

The prohibitions, with the exceptions and conditions relative thereto, are as follows:—

1. No person shall introduce into the Colony any grape vines, except those worked upon stocks which are resistant to the attacks of the grape *phylloxera*.

All such consignments must be accompanied by a sworn declaration to the effect that they are upon resistant roots.

2. The importation of all other grape vines, cuttings, grafts, or foliage thereof, is prohibited unless the special permission

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ANTIGUA.

A copy of the "Customs Tariff Amendment Ordinance, 1905" (No. 6 of 1905) has also been received from the Antigua Colonial Secretary, which was assented to by the Governor on 31st May, 1905.

This Ordinance amends the Ordinance No. 10 of 1904, and provides for the imposition of a duty of 5s. each upon dogs, of whatever age, imported into the Presidency, and also by adding the following articles to the free list:—

1. "Furniture and household effects for owner's use, the property of persons coming to reside for the first time in the Presidency which are imported by them for their personal use, and which have been in their use for not less than one year previously to the importation thereof—provided that such furniture and household effects be imported within one year after the owner has come to reside in the Presidency.

2. "Shipbuilding materials and accessories of all kinds, when imported for the construction, equipment, or repair of a specific vessel above five tons burden, except rope and cordage of all kinds."

3. Stores for the use of the Governor.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

The Board of Trade have received from the Acting Colonial Secretary at Antigua, a copy of the "Virgin Islands Tariff Ordinance, 1905" (No. 1 of 1905) which came into force on 1st April, 1905.

The present Ordinance repeals the previous Customs Tariff Ordinances Nos. 2 of 1897, 2 of 1898, 3 of 1902 and 3 of 1903, and, at the same time, provides for the imposition of a new Customs Tariff for articles imported into and exported from the Presidency of the Virgin Islands.

Many of the duties previously in force are re-imposed, but in the following cases the rates of import and export duties are altered by the present Ordinance:—

Articles.	Old Rates.	New Rates.
IMPORT DUTIES.		
Ale, beer, porter and cider. Per doz. reputed qrts.	1 6	1 8
Spirits—		
Gin and rum Per gall.	1 3	2 0
Whiskey "	2 0	3 0
Brandy "	2 0	2 0
All other spirits "	2 0	3 0
Wine, including all flavoured or medicated wine		
<i>Ad val.</i>	10 %	15 %
Cattle Each	5 0	8 0

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***VIRGIN ISLANDS—continued.**

Articles.	Old Rates.	New Rates.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Rice Per 100 lbs.	3 0	2 1
Fireworks and percussion caps, cartridges and cartridge cases <i>Ad val.</i>	10 %	15 %
Gunpowder and all explosives ... ..Per lb.	0 4	0 6
Corn meal, flour of wheat, oatmeal or rye meal, in quantities less than 50 lbs.	Corn meal, 2s. per barrel Other, 3s. 6d. per barrel	1d. per lb.
Fish, dried or smoked Per 100 lbs.	2 1	4 2
Tea Per lb.	0 3	0 6
Tobacco—		
Cigars (except those known as "Long Toms") Per lb.	1 0	1 6
Cigars, "Long Toms" "	0 9	1 0
Cigarettes "	1 0	1 8
Leaf "	0 3	0 6
Manufactured (including snuff) "	1 0	1 6
Wood—		
Cedar and pine shingles Per m.	1 6	} Free
Cypress and wallaba shingles "	2 6	
Hoops Per 1,200	8 4	
Pitch pine, white pine, spruce and all hardwoods Per 1,000 sup. ft. 1 in. thick	6 3	
Staves Per 1,000	5 0	
Shooks Each	0 3	} 10 % <i>ad val.</i>
Tombstones, tablets and railings for graves ...	Free	
EXPORT DUTIES.		
Calves—		
Over 9 months old Each	8 0	—
" 12 "	—	8 0
Not more than 9 months old "	4 0	—
" 12 "	—	8 6
Charcoal Per barrel	0 1	0 2
Building lime "	0 2	0 3
All hardwoods... .. Per 1,000 sup. ft. 1 in. thick	Free	6 3

GERMAN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of an Ordinance which has been issued by the Governor of German South-west Africa, supplementing the existing Customs regulations for that Colony as follows:—

1. Goods for importation or exportation may, with the consent of the Customs, lie in bond gratis for ten days (in Customs sheds or yard). If this period is exceeded, demurrage will be charged at the rate of 1 mark per 100 kilogs. per month, unless the goods are entered for deposit in the Customs warehouse.

2. Duties must be paid within 24 hours of the amount being fixed, and when the duties have been paid, the articles must be at once removed from the Customs premises. Duty-free goods must be removed as soon as they have been passed.

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SWITZERLAND-ROUMANIA.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of a Convention between Switzerland and Roumania, dated the 16th/29th December, 1904, by which the Commercial Treaty of the 19th February/3rd March, 1893, is prolonged until the 18th/31st December, 1917, and thereafter until one year after denunciation by either of the contracting parties. By the treaty in question the two countries agreed to accord to each other reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment.

**Prolongation of
the Commercial
Treaty between
above Countries.**

PERSIA.

Paragraph 16 of Article 9 of the Persian Customs Tariff, fixing the rates of duty leviable on tea imported into Persia, is as follows:—

**Standard Dimen-
sions of "Boxes"
of Tea.**

"White tea ... 1 toman per batman.
"All other teas ... 6 kraus "

"NOTE.—Teas imported in small packages or in cardboard or "tin boxes (*boîtes*) or other similar receptacles, shall pay duty "according to gross weight."

With reference to this note, the Board of Trade understand from a despatch which has been received, through the Foreign Office, from H.M. Minister at Tehran, that the Persian Minister of Customs has expressed his willingness to consent to the term box (*boîte*) being defined as a recipient with a cubic capacity not exceeding 14 cubic decimetres and 178 cubic centimetres—i.e., rather more than half a cubic foot. Tea imported in such receptacles will accordingly be dutiable on the gross weight, while tea imported in larger receptacles will be dutiable on the real or legal net weight at the importer's option.

MOROCCO.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 209 of the "Journal" for the 4th May last, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the period during which the exportation of bones from Morocco is permitted, has been extended to the 28th March, 1906.

**Prolongation of
Period for
Exportation of
Bones.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington:—

**Customs
Decisions.**

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

Articles.	Tariff No. under which dutiable.	Rate of Duty.
<i>*Limes in brine</i>	559	Free
<i>Olives in brine, contained in small kegs or casks containing less than 1 gallon each, in which they are sold retail</i>	264	Gal. 15 cents.
<i>Opal balls, drilled, and rondelles of rock crystal, pierced through the centre</i>	435	10 % <i>ad val.</i>
<i>Cylinder glass, in unpolished pieces about 8½ by 11 inches in size, suitable for other purposes than for use as lenses</i>	101	Lb. 1½ cents.
<i>Lenses composed of paste, in imitation of rock crystal, exceeding 1 inch in dimensions</i>	112	45 % <i>ad val.</i>
<i>Imitations of rock crystal, made of paste or glass, in the form of lenses, moulded to a spherical form</i>	435	20 % "
<i>Imitation pearls.</i> —Imitations of whole or of half pearls, including those mounted on wire and intended for purposes of manufacture (but excluding those pierced and intended to be strung)... ..	435	20 % "
<i>Locketts of gun metal, used as ornaments</i>	434	60 % "
<i>Portfolios of architectural designs, in the form of books, containing illustrations, with an introduction of 16 lines in German</i>	502	Free
<i>Paper fans.</i> —Fancy paper articles resembling fans in shape, but not adapted for use as fans, and not dealt in by fan dealers; dutiable as manufactures of paper	407	35 % <i>ad val.</i>
[This cancels the Decision reported in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 2nd February, 1905, respecting tissue paper fans.]		
<i>Soluble grease, made from tallow and used in dyeing; dutiable as a non-enumerated manufactured article</i>	Sec. 6	20 % "
[This cancels a Decision reported in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 22nd December, 1904.]		
<i>Grinding disks of cast-iron, with teeth sharpened and finished by machinery, having holes drilled and countersunk for the bolts by which they are to be held in place in a grinding machine</i>	193	45 % "
<i>Blood char (also known as "bone char"), suitable for use in decolorising sugar</i>	{ Para. 10 or Sec. 6 }	20 % "
<i>Toys composed in chief value of india rubber</i>	449	30 % "
<i>Gypsum blocks.</i> —Large blocks of gypsum, part of which is converted into mantel ornaments, the remainder (and larger portion) being manufactured into plaster of Paris and paints	91	Ton 50 cents.
<i>Fur felt bands</i>	450	35 % <i>ad val.</i>
<i>Chrysarobin</i>	20	{ Lb. ¼ cent. and 10 % <i>ad val.</i>
<i>Post-cards with a foreign postage stamp printed thereon</i>	670	Free.
<i>Oil distilled from yellow wool grease, which remains liquid at ordinary temperatures and is used mainly for oiling wools in combing and carding operations</i>	3	25 % <i>ad val.</i>

* Revised decision.

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.

Cabretta skins.—The growth or wool on cabretta skins imported with the wool on is dutiable at the rate of 3 cents per lb., under paragraphs 358 and 360 of the Tariff.

Fireproofed lumber is dutiable as a manufacture of wood, under paragraph 208 of the Tariff, at the rate of 35 per cent. *ad valorem*. [This reverses a decision published in the "Journal" for the 8th December, 1904.]

Sugar.—A brown coloured sugar, under No. 16 Dutch standard, polarising at about 81·60 degrees, being the refuse left over from a process of refining sugar, is dutiable under paragraph 209 of the Tariff, according to the polariscopic test.

Steel forgings.—Steel crank axles, crank shafts, connecting rods, crank pins, cross heads, and piston rods, forged and subsequently finished, or nearly finished, in the machine shop, are not dutiable as "forgings," but as unenumerated manufactures of steel, under paragraph 193 of the Tariff, at the rate of 45 per cent. *ad valorem*.

Forfeiture.—Where, in importing merchandise, the importer intentionally omits to enter it at a Custom house, and otherwise fails to comply with the laws and regulations, such merchandise becomes liable to forfeiture, even though entitled to admission free of duty if properly imported.

Dutiable value—Pro forma invoice.—In the case of merchandise entered under a pro forma invoice, the value shown therein is not to be taken as the dutiable value, if higher than the value shown in the consular invoice; provided that the certified consular invoice is before the appraiser at the time of appraisement, and is approved by him.

SAN SALVADOR.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Decree which has been issued by the Government of San Salvador, providing that automatic cash registers are to be dutiable at the rate of 30 centavos per kilog., under No. 340 of the Customs Tariff.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

SIERRA LEONE.

The Board of Trade have received from the Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone copy of an Order in Council passed to ensure the protection of the cable belonging to the African Direct Telegraph Co. from injury from ships' anchors. This Order in Council orders that no ship shall anchor in Freetown Harbour west of a line drawn from the centre of Tower Hill Barracks in a direction N. 35 deg. W. true.

**Anchorage of
Vessels prohibited
within certain
limits.**

BELGIUM—CHINA—JAPAN.

The "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" of 13th July states that the Messageries Maritimes Company, who inaugurated a new service of steamers between Antwerp and Shanghai in January last, have decided to extend this service to Japanese ports. An arrangement has been made with the "Société des Chargeurs Réunis," according to which a vessel belonging to each company will sail from Antwerp to China and Japan in alternate months. The extended service will commence on the 1st August with a vessel belonging to the "Chargeurs Réunis," to be followed on the 1st September by one belonging to the "Messageries Maritimes."

**New Service
from Antwerp to
China and Japan.**

FRANCE—ALGERIA.

Attention is directed to the notice on p. 149, with reference to a scale of shipping dues to be levied by the port authorities at Oran for port improvement works.

**Shipping Dues
at Oran.**

PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

The report for the year 1904 of Major Baldwin, H.M. Consul-General at Lourenço Marques, contains, at pp. 9-13, detailed particulars as to the landing charges at that Port, as also to the Customs regulations in force there, more especially as regards the imposition of fines. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,439.*)

**Landing Charges
and Customs
Regulations at
Lourenço
Marques.**

ROUMANIA.

The British Vice-Consul at Sulina reports that shipowners would be well advised to examine with more attention the condition of shipping at that port, with a view to making better provision for the protection of their interests than is possible under the present system. He adds:—

**Warning to
Shipowners:
Charter Parties
to Sulina.**

"The reiteration of these warnings seems to produce little or no effect. Whether it be the feeling of security engendered by the

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system of insurance against demurrage and other such eventualities, or the general indifference to detail of those engaged in a prosperous industry, which accounts for the practice, the fact remains that most vessels entering the Danube are freighted under loosely worded charter parties or berth contracts, and, when the inevitable dispute arises, the master finds that his owner's agent is also the agent of the shippers, and that he is consequently without independent advice or assistance. There can be no doubt whatever that large sums of money are annually lost to shipping in this way." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,432.*)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M.

**Progress of
New York
Harbour
Improvement
Works.**

Consul-General at New York (Sir P. Sanderson, K.C.M.G.), reporting on the progress of the improvement of New York harbour by the dredging of the East or Ambrose channel, by means of which it is intended to provide an entrance to the harbour, 2,000 feet wide and

40 feet deep, and to shorten the present route by nearly five miles from the bar.

The Consul-General states that up to the time of writing (30th June) about two miles out of the eight provided for by Act of Congress have been completed.

The contract was let to Mr. Andrew Onderdonk, but, in consequence of that gentleman's death, one of the chief subsidiary contracting companies has withdrawn from its contract, and work on the undertaking has been practically suspended but for the operations of two United States dredgers, which were assigned to assist in order that the project might be completed in a shorter period.

Hopes are expressed that an arrangement may be made with Mr. Onderdonk's heirs and executors by which the original contract may be carried out.

H.M. Consul-General at San Francisco (Mr. C. W. Bennett)

**Government to
weigh cargoes at
San Francisco.**

reports that the Board of Harbour Commissioners have granted the request of the Collector of Customs to permit the Federal Government to erect three sets of standard scales along the city water front. These scales will be used solely and exclusively for the benefit of importers of merchandise into San Francisco, and the handling of foreign goods will thus be greatly facilitated.

Local importers will benefit from the fact that no charge will be made for weighing goods. Heretofore private firms have owned scales and made a charge of 6½ cents per ton, which will now be saved. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,433.*)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.

In the same report Mr. Bennett states that a Bill affecting the rates of pilotage at San Francisco was passed recently by the State Legislature of California, and took effect on the 21st May, 1905. This Law provides for a marked reduction in pilot charges, and is regarded as a satisfactory measure by the ship-owners generally. Further particulars may be read at pp. 19-20 of the Consul-General's report. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,433.*)

**Reduced Pilotage
Rates at
San Francisco.**

ARGENTINA.

The First Secretary to H.M. Legation at Buenos Ayres (Mr. F. Harford) reports that the last two years have produced a good crop of railway and port concessions in Argentina. Such concessions generally die a natural death and are heard of no more, unless the concessionnaire can induce a railway which is likely to be affected by his concession to buy it up. British investors, says Mr. Harford, should be very chary of investing in schemes which aim at competing with existing railway lines, which are in a thoroughly sound condition and better able to stand a war of rates than a new company. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,434.*)

**Railway
Concessions:
Warning to
Investors.**

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.**UNITED KINGDOM.**

A formal investigation was held in the Town Hall, Stromness, on the 11th July, into the circumstances attending the explosion of a boiler which occurred at a barking establishment at Stromness on the 3rd June last. The Commissioners found that the explosion was due to the owner's ignorance and neglect, and ordered him to pay 20*l.* towards the costs of the investigation.

A formal investigation was held in the St. George's Hall, Liverpool, on the 18th July, into the circumstances attending the explosion of a boiler which occurred on board a steam tug on the 13th January last, whilst the vessel was on a voyage from Liverpool to Long Hope, Orkney Islands. The Commissioners found that the explosion was due to the incompetence of the chief engineer. The owners were absolved from blame, and no order was made as to costs.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***FEDERATED MALAY STATES.**

The following statement, showing the weight of tin and tin ore (tin exported in the form of ore having been

Tin Exports. taken at 70 per cent.* of the gross weight of the ore) exported from the Federated Malay States during the three months ended March, 1905, with figures for the corresponding period of the preceding year, is taken from the "Selangor Government Gazette" of the 9th June:—

	January to March, 1904.			January to March, 1905.		
	Tin.	Tin exported in the form of Ore.	Total.	Tin.	Tin exported in the form of Ore.	Total.
	Piculs.	Piculs.	Piculs.	Piculs.	Piculs.	Piculs.
Perak	85,060	69,045	104,106	85,803	73,998	109,301
Selangor	29,859	41,537	71,396	28,697	48,174	74,871
Negri Sembilan	10,431	9,022	19,453	12,011	8,858	20,869
Pahang	882	3,580	4,462	1,589	5,912	7,501
Total	76,232	123,184	199,416	75,600	136,942	212,542

NOTE.—1 picul = 133½ lbs.

* The following note appears in the "Gazette," viz.:—"The figures for 1904 will not agree with those previously published. To obtain a true comparison it has been necessary to reduce the tin ore to 70 per cent. instead of 68 per cent. of the gross weight."

DENMARK—GREENLAND.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Copenhagen (Mr. G.

Cryolith. Leach) transmitting the following information in regard to the working of the cryolith quarries at Ivigtut in Greenland last year:—Exports, 2,215 tons, as against 9,110 tons in 1903; men (exclusive of overseers) employed in the summer 48 and in the winter 23, as against 92 and 60 respectively in 1903; no serious accidents occurred during either of the years mentioned.

ROUMANIA.

The British Vice-Consul at Galatz (Hon. H. C. Dundas) reports that official statistics show an output of 497,000 tons of petroleum during 1904. The monthly average of 1904 was 37,176 tons during the first half-year and 45,635 tons during the second half.

Of the four oil-bearing districts of Roumania, namely, Prahova, Dambovitza, Buzen and Bacan, the district of Prahova is the richest, the total output of this district showing 455,354 tons

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against 26,234 tons in Dambovitza, 8,236 tons in Buzen and 7,064 tons in Bacan.

The number of hand wells has increased owing to their small cost. Official figures show 744 wells in 1904 against 675 in 1903, and those in process of sinking 195 against 163.

On the other hand the number of productive borings seems to have decreased, the figures being 290 for 1903 against 224 in 1904. The borings under drill have, however, increased from 114 to 192.

During the year under review the most noteworthy events in the history of the petroleum industry of Roumania have been in connection with the large part played by German capital—the three German banks, Deutsche Bank, Disconto Gesellschaft and the Schaffhausen Bankverein being the channels through which fresh companies were formed and old ones supported.

After giving a descriptive list of principal companies, the Vice-Consul adds:—"During 1904 several new companies were formed, the most important of which is the Standard Oil Company, who work under the name of Româna-Americana. Several years back they tried to get from the Roumanian Government the concessions of the State properties, but they were unable to come to an agreement. They are now working private concessions." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,432.)

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According to statistics collected by the United States Geological

**Oil Production
in 1904.**

Survey, the production of crude petroleum in the United States last year amounted to 117,063,421 barrels valued at 101,170,466 dols., as compared with 100,461,337 barrels valued at 94,694,050 dols. in 1903. The average value of the oil per barrel fell from .94 dol. in 1903 to .86 dol. in 1904, a decrease of 8 cents a barrel.

The British Vice-Consul at Los Angeles (Mr. C. White) reports

**Oil Output in
California.**

that the output of oil in that district in 1904 was 10,000,000 barrels. The output for the State (most of it produced south of the centre) was 28,400,000 barrels, an increase of 10,400,000 on the production in 1903. There are 2,700 producing wells in Southern California. Two oil-tank steamers of a capacity of 60,000 barrels each are used to transfer oil to ports on the Pacific Coast, where it can be used by oil-burning steamers. This will largely increase the use of oil in steam navigation. The City of Los Angeles has practically discarded the use of coal. Gas both for illumination and fuel is made wholly from oil. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,433.)

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

The quantity of iron ore produced in 1904, according to the figures published by the Geological Survey, amounted to 27,644,330 tons as compared with 35,019,308 tons in 1903.

**Iron Ore
Production.**

According to the "Bulletin" of the American Iron and Steel Association, the production of cut nails in the United States in 1904 was 1,283,362 kegs (of 100 lbs. each) against 1,435,893 kegs in 1903, a decrease of 152,531 kegs. In 1886 the maximum production of 8,160,973 kegs was reached.

The production of wire nails in 1904 amounted to 11,926,661 kegs (of 100 lbs.) as compared with 9,631,661 kegs in 1903, an increase of 2,295,000 kegs.

NOTE.—The statistics of the Association include only standard sizes of nails and spikes cut from plates. They do not embrace railway and other forged spikes, machine-made horse-shoe nails, cut tacks or small sizes of nails.

MEXICO.

In the opinion of H.M. Consul at Mexico City (Mr. L. J. Jerome) abundance of hydro-electric power, cheap and unorganised labour, stability of climate and geographical situation are a strong combination of favourable factors which are destined to make Mexico a manufacturing country of the first rank, to which can be added the recent discoveries of mineral oil or petroleum, and the development of the coalfields in the north-eastern sections, which will supply the required fuel.

In connection with the iron and steel trade of Mexico Mr. Jerome says that it may be interesting to note, in view of the considerable development of electricity, and the recent discoveries of mineral oils referred to above (notably at Ebano, Papantla and on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec), and the fact that iron ores of good quality are known to exist in various parts of Mexico in very considerable bodies, that it is probable that electrical energy may be successfully used in the near future in electro-metallurgical methods of smelting iron ores.

Indeed electricity has been successfully used in Mexico in the reduction of ores, notably at Monterrey and in Chihuahua.

With the introduction of modern metallurgical methods, Mr. Jerome considers that Mexico will probably export fewer ores than heretofore, and there will be more and more treated in the country. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,429.*)

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ARGENTINA.

The report on Argentina recently issued by the Foreign Office, states that a number of companies have recently been formed in Buenos Ayres, almost exclusively with British capital, with the object of dredging for gold in various rivers situated in the Argentine Republic and in Bolivia, Brazil (Matto Grosso) and Chile. The aggregate amount of capital issued by these companies exceeds 1,500,000*l.*; but although dredging operations in the countries named have not yet reached such proportions as to warrant so large an investment, the results of trial borings, made in a large number of the rivers to be worked, justify in a large measure the belief that gold dredging in South America offers a lucrative field for British industrial enterprise and capital.

The writer of the report (Mr. F. Harford) states that the mining law of the Argentine Republic does not provide the absolute security of title conferred by the laws and codes of the neighbouring countries, especially by Bolivian mining law, but this is largely due to the discretionary powers vested in her administrators. The present Minister of Agriculture, however, has included in his Budget for the current financial year a large sum of money which is destined to effect ameliorations and improvements in the prevailing methods. A large number of dredges are shortly* to be ordered and, in all probability, the orders will be placed with British builders. The severity of the climate will be an obstacle to dredging during the winter months in Tierra del Fuego and Patagonia. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,434.)

* Report dated Buenos Ayres, 15th May.

YARNS AND TEXTILES.**MEXICO.**

H.M. Consul at Mexico City (Mr. L. J. Jerome) reports that the manufacture of cotton fabrics in Mexico continues to progress; there are some 150 factories, employing about 30,000 persons of both sexes, working at 632,601 spindles and 20,271 looms.

The production amounts to some 6,000,000 pieces, estimated at 350,000,000 yards, and, roughly speaking, the estimated value of the total annual output is 6,000,000*l.* Mexican mills are daily increasing the quantity of their produce.

Wool is made into manufactured stuff such as blankets and suitings in several places in the Republic, notably in the States of Mexico and Durango. The quality of the goods cannot compete with British or European manufactures: the same may be said of the few linen mills existing to-day.

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UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 22nd July, 1905, were as follows:—

Corn Prices.

Wheat	...	...	...	32s.	2d.
Barley	...	...	...	23s.	7d.
Oats	...	...	...	18s.	11d.

For further particulars see p. 184.

A statement is published on p. 185, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 22nd July, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

The report of the Resident-General of the Federated Malay States (Mr. W. T. Taylor, C.M.G.) for the year 1904, states that, next to mining, the development and prosperity of agriculture is of most interest in connection with those States, and that the agricultural industry is one for which there would appear to be a great future.

Dr. Willis (the Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya, Ceylon), who visited the States last year, entertains a very high opinion of their capabilities and prospects in the matter of agriculture. He considers the most promising enterprises from the capitalist's point of view to be rubber, sugar, and cocoanuts, in the order named, and from the small holder's point of view, cocoanuts, sugar, tapioca, rice, pepper, and rubber. According to Dr. Willis, whose views are shared by most observant people at the present time, the rising industry of the tropics just now is undoubtedly rubber. The Federated Malay States are admirably suited to this industry; they have a vast extent of virgin country to work upon, a country whose general conditions are similar to those of such old established agricultural countries as India, Ceylon, and Java.

The Federated Malay States Government is desirous of helping all it can the persons engaged in the rubber industry. Land is given on easy terms; loans at moderate rates of interest for the purposes of development are made to planters; and other measures are in contemplation to the same end. The result is not unsuccessful; land is being rapidly taken up and opened in rubber, and the prospects of rubber are so good that this product is attracting the whole attention of the majority of the European planters.

Dr. Willis speaks highly of sugar as a suitable crop for these States. Sugar is already an important crop in the alluvial soil of

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the coast district of Perak, and there appears to be every prospect of its becoming one of the most important of the agricultural industries of the Federated Malay States.

Cocoon cultivation is eminently suited to the habits of the Malay villager and is very popular with him. It is also in favour with European and other capitalist cultivators, and as cocoons grow well along the coast and for some distance inland, and as the yield is good and trees come into bearing early, the cultivation in these States may reasonably be expected to extend.

DENMARK.

The following particulars of measures taken to develop the rearing of silkworms in Denmark are extracted from a report by the Italian Minister at Copenhagen :—

**Measures to
Develop Silk-
worm Rearing.**

Four years ago a Danish Inspector of Prisons carried out some experiments in silkworm rearing, which produced such excellent results that he founded a society to continue them on a larger scale. The society have recently issued a report from which it appears that, so far, their efforts have met with success, 8,000 mulberry trees having been planted. In compliance with requests received from heads of agricultural schools and from several small farmers, the society have established a model station at Vredsløse, where the latest methods of rearing silkworms may be studied. The Italian Minister remarks that some of the silkworms examined by him presented a whitish and not altogether healthy appearance; but he adds that he did not inspect them very closely. The climate of Denmark is, he considers, suitable for mulberry cultivation; the temperature being mild and the country being free from the spring frosts which are so injurious to the leaves.

FRANCE.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Consul-General at Havre (Mr. W. R. Hearn), which contains the following particulars of harvest and fruit prospects in Normandy :—

**Harvest and
Fruit Prospects
in Normandy.**

Wheat and rye promise well, provided fine weather prevails, as further rain would injure the quality; the barley and oats crops are less promising. The stock of grain and flour is small.

With regard to the fruit crops, early plums are plentiful, but the later varieties are very scarce. Greengages will render a half crop. The better class pears will be very scarce, whereas stewing pears will be more plentiful. Cider and table apples will be very scarce, the crop of the former equalling about one-third of an average crop.

*'Agriculture.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

H.M. Consul-General at San Francisco (Mr. C. W. Bennett) reports that, according to the figures recently issued by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers of Boston, California takes the eighth place amongst the sheep-raising States with a total of 1,625,000 head. California's total production of washed and unwashed wools for 1904 was 11,781,250 lbs., or 3,770,000 lbs. of the scoured product. The fleece averaged 7.25 lbs. in weight, shrinking 68 per cent. The average value was 53 cents per lb., or 1,998,100 dols., an increase of 3 cents per lb. over the previous year. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,433.*)

The British Vice-Consul at San Diego (Major W. T. Allen) reports there is reason to believe that in the near future the cultivation of the silkworm will hold an important place in the industrial development of San Diego county; the climatic conditions are perfectly adapted to the delicate constitution of the worm, and the foliage of the mulberry may be had in wholesome condition practically during the entire year. Many acres have been planted with mulberry trees, and it may be said that while the industry is quite in its infancy, a good start has been made, with promise of success. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,433.*)

CHINA.

In his trade report for 1904, the Acting Commissioner of Customs at Shasi (Mr. Oliver G. Ready) states that despite the decline in trade during the period under review, it is worthy of remark that the export of raw cotton, which only commenced in 1901, has for the past four years been respectively 1,915, 1,455, 3,660, and 10,642 piculs (picul = 133½ lbs.). Within easy reach of Shasi there is, says Mr. Ready, an immense district, most suitable for cotton growing, and should fresh seed be imported to replace the present effete stock, it is difficult to foretell to what prosperity this industry may not attain. Further, there being a cheap and plentiful supply of both coal and labour available, it is not unreasonable to surmise that cotton mills may be erected and the manufacture of thread and cloth successfully commenced. Mr. Ready adds: "Here, surely, are openings for capital and enterprise! On the whole, I would say that the possibilities of future commerce are enormous, although time and patience may be required to realise them. The channels have never been utilised to the full; but they exist, and once given free access to the great trade currents, the flow will be sure and strong."

MISCELLANEOUS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The following persons nominated by a Local Authority to the post of Inspector of Weights and Measures, have, during the month of July, passed the examination provided for in the 8th section of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904 :—J. Fraser, Gateshead; J. S. O'Donnell, London County; C. S. W. Powell, Radnorshire; D. H. Seaton, Carlisle; A. C. Smith, Manchester.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 20th July, 1905, **Cotton Statistics.** was 27,231 (including 132 bales British West Indian and 16 bales British West African), and the number imported during the 29 weeks ended the 20th July was 2,422,111 (including 3,487 bales British West Indian and 1,899 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 20th July, 1905, 2,946 bales, and for the 29 weeks, 240,481.

For further details see p. 184.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of fish landed on the English and Welsh, Scotch, and **Fishery Statistics,** Irish Coasts during the month and six months ended 30th June, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the year 1904 :—

—	Month of June.				Six Months ended 30th June.			
	1905.		1904.		1905.		1904.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
England and Wales—								
Fish, excluding shell								
fish	776,864	475,894	766,038	460,881	4,433,244	3,213,675	4,153,278	2,948,144
Shell fish	—	24,245	—	26,666	—	154,021	—	146,777
Total Value ...	—	500,139	—	487,547	—	3,367,696	—	3,093,921
Scotland—								
Fish, excluding shell								
fish	873,803	284,464	806,263	227,632	2,816,934	996,054	2,476,466	947,504
Shell fish	—	7,614	—	7,759	—	36,279	—	39,357
Total Value ...	—	272,078	—	235,391	—	1,032,333	—	986,861
Ireland—								
Fish, excluding shell								
fish	82,904	28,013	125,340	37,637	356,933	139,131	467,170	158,319
Shell fish	—	1,909	—	1,804	—	5,781	—	4,379
Total Value ...	—	29,922	—	38,441	—	144,912	—	162,698

NOTE.—All the above figures are subject to correction in the annual returns.

*Miscellaneous.***FALKLAND ISLANDS.**

The following figures of the total value of imports and exports of the Falkland Islands during the years 1903-4 are taken from the report recently issued by the Colonial Office:—

	1903.	1904.
Imports... ..	£ 66,416	£ 49,501*
Exports... ..	115,916	126,935
Totals	182,331	176,436

Of the total value of exports last year, wool accounts for a sum of 115,359*l.* as compared with 103,597*l.* in 1903.

* Includes £1,335 specie.

RUSSIA.

The British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. Henry Cooke) reports that an Imperial Decree has been published in the "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" (St. Petersburg), empowering certain Russian merchants and Hamburg firms to import into Siberia, *via* the Kara Sea and the mouths of the Obi and Yenesei, duty free from abroad, a given lengthy list of goods, &c., to a total extent of 682,000 pounds (10,994 tons). The goods named include food-stuffs (except tea, wines and spirituous liquors), machinery, apparatus, &c., china and porcelain ware, chemicals, oils, metals, instruments, and various other goods and articles. The firms thus authorised are the following:—S. W. Vostrovin, N. N. Gadalofov (name of a wealthy Siberian merchant), the Hamburg firm of "August Bolten, William Müller successors," the St. Petersburg merchant D. L. Jivotovski, and the Hamburg firm of Hartog and Stang.

Mr. Cooke further reports that the "Sibirski Viestnik" (Tomsk) gives publicity to certain rumours as to the renewal of the Northern Sea Route. It states that, according to information deserving of credence, there will be imported during the present navigation season 40 steamers for service along the river Yenesei. These steamers, it is said, have been bought by a well-known Englishman by order of the Russian Government, for the carriage of 500,000 pounds of rails and other goods for the Siberian railway. It is also said that authorisation has been granted to import by sea to the mouths of the Yenesei various goods from England duty-free.

Miscellaneous.

FRANCE.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Embassy at Paris, forwarding copy of a report presented to the French Senate upon a Bill for the prevention of fraud in the sale of goods and the adulteration of foodstuffs and agricultural produce.

**Prevention of
Fraudulent Sales
and Adulteration
of Foodstuffs and
Agricultural
Produce.**

The Bill, originally voted by the Senate, has been adopted by the Chamber of Deputies with certain modifications, of which the Commission of the Senate have approved, and they now recommend the adoption of the Bill without further modification.

The report may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The report of Mr. C. W. Bennett, H.M. Consul-General at San Francisco (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,433*) contains at pp. 20-1 some useful hints to intending settlers in California.

**Hints to Intending
Settlers in California.**

MEXICO.

Referring to the notice published on p. 565 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd June last, relative to the table of equivalents of the Mexican gold peso in the currency of other countries having a gold standard, for the purpose of determining from time to time the amount of the fees payable to the diplomatic and consular representatives of Mexico, a despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Minister in Mexico (Mr. G. Greville, C.M.G.), forwarding a translation of the Decree of 24th May, containing the table in question. It is to be noted that the table is in force from 1st July to 31st December, 1905, and that a similar list of equivalent values is to be compiled and published in the months of May and November of each year, to come into force on the 1st July and 1st January respectively, covering the period comprised within the following six months.

The translation may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 29 Weeks ended 20th July, 1905 :—

	Week ended 20th July, 1905.	29 Weeks ended 20th July, 1905.	Week ended 20th July, 1905.	29 Weeks ended 20th July, 1905.
	IMPORTS. (Bales.)		EXPORTS. (Bales.)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
American	16,796	2,086,151	782	168,426
Brazilian	—	36,705	—	549
East Indian	2,009	32,733	678	8,035
Egyptian	8,278	278,122	1,072	60,800
Miscellaneous	148*	38,400†	414	2,671
Total	27,231	2,422,111	2,946	240,481

* Including 182 bales British West Indian and 16 bales British West African.

† Including 3,487 bales British West Indian and 1,899 bales British West African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 22nd July, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	Average Price.					
	Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Week ended 22nd July, 1905	32	2	23	7	18	11
Corresponding week in—						
1898	36	11	24	2	20	11
1899	25	2	22	5	18	2
1900	29	3	24	4	19	9
1901	27	3	22	1	19	4
1902	31	5	25	0	22	8
1903	28	7	20	10	18	5
1904	27	7	18	10	17	6

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.
Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce
 imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 22nd July, 1905,
 together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the
 previous year.

		Week ended 22nd July, 1905.	Correspond- ing Week in 1904.
Animals, living :—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number.	10,872	8,226
Sheep and lambs	"	985	3,003
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	196	252
Fresh Meat :—			
Beef	Cwts.	70,095	86,472
Mutton	"	68,384	79,695
Pork	"	4,040	3,536
Salted or preserved meat :—			
Bacon	Cwts.	114,058	112,203
Beef	"	8,876	2,030
Hams	"	85,557	25,924
Pork	"	5,878	6,974
Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh	"	8,745	11,315
Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... ..	"	9,887	10,045
Dairy produce and substitutes :—			
Butter	Cwts.	89,528	91,964
Margarine	"	17,867	14,923
Cheese	"	91,181	66,663
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	45	30
" cream	"	96	244
" condensed	"	14,522	23,652
" preserved, other kinds... ..	"	58	70
Eggs	Grt. Handr.	330 899	458,252
Poultry	Value £	2,838	7,622
Game	"	6	27
Rabbits, dead (not tinned)	Cwts.	5,639	88
Lard	"	35,014	39,683
Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—			
Wheat	Cwts.	2,658,600	1,509,800
Wheat meal and flour	"	158,900	191,000
Barley	"	76,100	281,900
Oats	"	496,800	311,700
Peas	"	41,921	36,960
Beans	"	18,120	12,440
Maize or Indian corn	"	612,700	729,500
Fruit, raw :—			
Apples	Cwts.	14,889	24,245
Apricots and peaches	"	4,026	1,478
Bananas	Bunches.	77,858	144,555
Cherries	Cwts.	9,822	17,371
Currants... ..	"	18,469	9,321
Gooseberries	"	587	1,747
Grapes	"	8,570	2,115
Lemons	"	14,384	33,080
Oranges	"	8,657	23,738
Pears	"	5,942	13,540
Plums	"	25,717	51,032
Strawberries	"	887	124
Unenumerated	"	20,645	66,697
Hay... ..	Tons.	2,961	3,475
Straw	"	1,246	2,623
Moss Litter. (Not shown prior to 1905)	"	1,409	—
Hops	Cwts.	112	936
Locust Beans	"	12,400	11,760
Vegetables, raw :—			
Onions	Bushels.	128,804	105,478
Potatoes	Cwts.	117,858	109,779
Tomatoes	"	40,221	69,713
Unenumerated	Value £	7,851	5,431
Vegetables, dried			
Preserved by canning... ..	Cwts.	2,908	4,927
	"	8,624	2,380

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of June, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that Volume I. of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country). The second volume will contain details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the July issue:—State of the Labour Market in June; Eight hour day in Government Workshops; German Labour Colonies in 1904; Coal Mining in 1904; Pauperism, 1877-1905; Recent Conciliation and Arbitration Cases, and Relief of the Unemployed in June.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual and Miscellaneous Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

ANNUAL.

No. 3,439. Trade of Lourenço Marques for 1904.

Increase in share of transit trade, due chiefly to the advantageous rates for through goods traffic between this port and the Transvaal as compared with corresponding rates from other coast ports.

Detailed statement as to imports, the value of which has increased by about 1 per cent.

Progress of harbour improvement works.

Details of charges imposed by certain s.s. lines for the delivery of goods.

Remarks on Customs regulations.

Statistics of trade, shipping and population.

Government Publications.

No. 3,440. Trade of Consular District of Cherbourg for 1904.

Bulk of trade is carried on with United Kingdom, whence 49,783 tons of coal were imported in 1904, as compared with 50,005 tons in 1903.

Stone quarries in the district attract many smaller British vessels and barges which come over empty to load with stone.

Tables of sanitary and pilotage dues.

Statistics of shipping for Cherbourg, Granville, St. Malo, Barfleur, St. Vaast, Cartaret, and Portbail.

Import and export returns.

This publication also contains a report from St. Malo.

No. 3,441. Trade of Moscow for 1904.

Bad effects of the war on general trade.

Business done at the Nijni Novgorod fair was about the same as in 1902, but worse than in 1903.

Ordinary traffic with Siberia has been restricted by military exigencies; but a large amount of money has been

made by the inhabitants of that country owing to the influx of troops.

Remarks on imports: machinery, motors, electrical appliances, machine tools, leather, chinaware, tea, bicycles, phonographs, chemicals, &c.

Hints to would-be advertisers.

No. 3,442. Trade of Erzeroum for 1904.

Value of imports and exports amounted to 363,000*l.* and 190,420*l.* respectively, as compared with 292,700*l.* and 195,310*l.* in 1903.

The harvest was far below that of the preceding year, and

exporters had to draw on reserves.

Extraordinary increase in imports of German and Italian goods. British cotton goods showed a decrease of 25 per cent. owing to the competition of these countries.

No. 3,443. Trade of Dar-al-Baida for 1904.

Statistics of trade, with table showing share of different countries since 1896.

Openings for domestic sanitary appliances, house fittings, cheap ready-made clothing for men and youths, and bright coloured dress materials, &c., for women and girls.

1905 promises to be an exceptionally bad one for business, as on account of drought there will be no crops for export.

Projected port improvements at Dar-al-Baida and Saffi.

This publication also contains reports from Rabat, Mazagan, Saffi, and Mogador.

*Government Publications.***No. 3,444. Trade of Costa Rica for 1904.**

Table showing the distribution of the coffee crop, which was the smallest for ten years.

Large increase in the cultivation and export of bananas.

Drainage and water works will probably be commenced in San José at an early date.

Statistics of trade and finances.

No. 3,445. Trade of Germany for 1904.

Benefits and disadvantages of trade syndicates.

Economic history of the year.

Remarks on new commercial treaties.

Effect of present treaties on various industrial groups individually examined.

Detailed account of German trade with treaty countries.

Account of the coal strike of 1904.

New mining legislation.

Statistics of coal and iron.

Suggested permanent Imperial control of exhibition matters.

Attempts to solve the problem of small dwellings for workers.

Participation of foreigners in public tenders.

No. 3,446. Trade of Genoa for 1904.

Commencement of harbour extension works at Genoa, which are to cost 2,000,000*l*.

Details of port regulations.

Possibilities of developing

the sale of British draperies, linen, and printed tissues in Piedmont.

Shipping and trade statistics.

No. 3,447. Trade of Rostov-on-Don.

Large increase in exports of grain and wool.

Remarks on chief imports: agricultural machinery, machine tools, machinery for flour

This publication also contains reports from Mariupol, Ghenit-chesk, Taganrog, and Kertch.

mills, belting, domestic utensils, bath and sanitary fittings.

Agricultural prospects: increase in sowings of all grain excepting rye.

No. 3,448. Trade of Port Said and Suez for 1904.

Value of imports amounted to £E.1,369,290, as compared with £E.1,036,100 in 1903: share of United Kingdom amounted to £E.287,280.

Steady growth in cotton exports.

Improvements effected in the Suez Canal.

Statistics of trade and shipping.

No. 3,449. Trade of Wuchow for 1904.

Large increase in trade over previous years.

Growing demand for foreign goods from Kueichow and Yunnan.

Effects on trade of local disorders at Kuangsi.

Means of developing British trade.

Proposed railway to Kuelin.

Introduction of paper currency.

Government Publications.

No. 3,450. Trade of Gothenburg for 1904.

Trade and commerce have suffered to some extent from drought; but, on the whole, business has been steady.

Details of chief exports (butter, poultry and eggs, grain, iron, granite, wood and wood pulp), and of imports. Among the latter, coal from the United

Kingdom shows a large increase.

Government measures for the development of the peat fuel industry.

Remarks on agriculture and fisheries.

Trade and shipping statistics.

This publication also contains reports from Strömstadt, Uddevalla, Marstrand, Warberg, Halmstad, Helsingborg, Landskrona, Malmö, Ystad, Åhus, and Carlscrona.

No. 3,451. Trade of Dantzig for 1904.

Phenomenal harvest, the yield in some cases being estimated at 50 per cent. above the average.

Effects of drought in the Vistula on trade with Poland and on exports of wood and sugar.

Shipments of grain, oats, oil seed, &c., for the years 1902-04.

Probable openings for British trade.

Trade and shipping statistics.

This publication also contains reports from Breslau, Königsberg, Memel, and Pillau.

No. 3,452. Trade of Kiukiang for 1904.

Substantial increase in total trade.

Details of shipping, with table of percentages under different flags.

Particulars of chief imports (opium, cotton and woollen goods, and metals); and chief exports (beans, chinaware, raw

cotton, grass cloth, rice, tobacco, paper and tea).

Statistics of the inward transit pass trade.

Steps towards a railway system: formation of a company to build a line between Nanch'ang and Kiukiang.

Import and export returns.

No. 3,453. Trade of Porto Alegre for 1904.

Considerable increase in direct imports and exports, the United Kingdom's share of the former showing the largest increase.

Table showing the difference between the rate of import duty on the official, or nominal,

value of goods according to the Tariff, and that which this gives on their real import value.

Details of proposed railways and public works.

Development of cold storage.

Trade and shipping returns.

*Government Publications.***MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.****No. 634. Diamond Industry of Antwerp.**

Sketch of the development of the diamond trade in Belgium.	Possibilities of establishing a British diamond industry. Countries to which diamonds are sent.
Detailed description of the process of diamond cutting.	

COLONIAL OFFICE REPORT.

A report from the following British colony has been issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal, viz. :—

No. 450. Weihaiwei.**OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

Annual Statement of the Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1904. [Cd. 2,556.] Price 3s. 1d.

This return, which is compiled annually in the Statistical Department of the Board of Trade, contains statements of the entries and clearances of sailing and steam vessels engaged in the foreign and coastwise trades at the several ports of the United Kingdom, together with statistics of vessels built and registered at each port, &c., &c. Comparative summary tables embracing the five years 1900 to 1904 are contained in the return as regards vessels entered and cleared at ports in the United Kingdom, proportion of British to Foreign tonnage, &c., &c.

Wireless Telegraphy. Return relative to the working of the Wireless Telegraph Act for the first three months of 1905. 246. Price 1½d.

This return shows the number of licenses to use wireless telegraphic apparatus applied for, the number of messages dealt with, the amount received by the Post Office for such messages, with the proportion thereof due to the Marconi Company, and the cost incurred by the Post Office for the instruction of postal servants in the Marconi system.

Imports from British Colonies (120). Price 1½d.

This return shows the average wholesale prices in June and December each year from 1890 to 1904 inclusive, of the following articles imported from the principal exporting British Colonies :—Wheat; oats; beef, fresh (including frozen); lamb and mutton, fresh (including frozen); butter; cheese; and wool.

Japan. No. 1 (1905). Award of the Arbitration Tribunal appointed to pronounce on certain questions as to the interpretation of Treaties with Japan with regard to Leases held in perpetuity. [Cd. 2,583.] Price 2d.

THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade (No. 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.) is intended to be a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest shall be collected and focussed in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of British trade permit, replies shall be given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters.

On application being made to it either personally or by letter, the Branch supplies, so far as is possible, information with regard to the following subjects, viz.: Commercial Statistics; Matters relating to Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations; Lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities; Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender; Sources of Supply, Prices, &c., of Trade Products; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers, &c., &c. There is a Sample Room at the offices of the Branch, where, in addition to samples illustrative of reports of H.M. Consuls or of the Correspondents or Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade, specimens of special interest that may be received from the Imperial Institute, India, or the Colonies, &c., are exhibited from time to time.

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THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.—In consequence of the transfer of the Imperial Institute to the Board of Trade from the beginning of 1903, the work formerly carried on by the Commercial Intelligence Office of the Imperial Institute is now conducted by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

Among the branches of work now carried on by the Imperial Institute at South Kensington are the scientific investigation of the economic products of the British Empire with a view to their commercial utilisation, and the superintendence of the arrangement and classification of the Collection of these products which is exhibited at the Institute. From time to time samples and specimens of raw and manufactured products will be shown in the sample room at 73, Basinghall Street.

The "Imperial Institute Bulletin," issued quarterly, contains information and reports bearing on the work carried out in the Imperial Institute at South Kensington.

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SPECIAL INDIAN AND COLONIAL TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES.

India.—The India Trade Enquiry Office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., has been established for the purpose of supplying the general public with all available information as to the commercial products, manufactures and trades of British India.

The office is under the superintendence of an India Office official, who is in daily attendance to answer personal or written enquiries.

The current publications of the Government of India dealing with Indian Trade statistics, tariff charges, railways, economic products, &c., are kept in the office, and can be consulted free: the various Indian Directories are also filed.

Canada.—The Canadian Government have secured premises at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where an office has been opened under the designation of "Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Branch," for the convenience of the commercial community.

In due course it is intended to equip and maintain a display room, illustrating the products, resources and manufactures of the Dominion. In the meantime, a Canadian representative attends daily to deal with enquiries and applications in connection with Canadian import and export trade, and to supply information about Canadian matters generally. Personal appointments can be arranged when desired.

Cape of Good Hope.—The Government of the Cape of Good Hope have opened offices at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the purpose of a Commercial Agency for that Colony, which will be under the direction of the Agent-General for the Cape of Good Hope.

Mr. Lewis Atkinson, who has been appointed Commercial Agent, attends daily to deal with enquiries on all Commercial and Trade matters connected with Cape Colony.

Queensland.—For the convenience of the commercial community in the City of London, the Agent-General for Queensland has opened a branch office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where a representative attends daily to give information to enquirers regarding trade, mining, and all other matters in connection with Queensland.

A Reading Room will also be provided in which maps, directories, statutes, Government reports, and other publications of the State can be seen.

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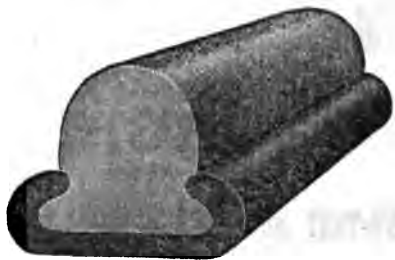
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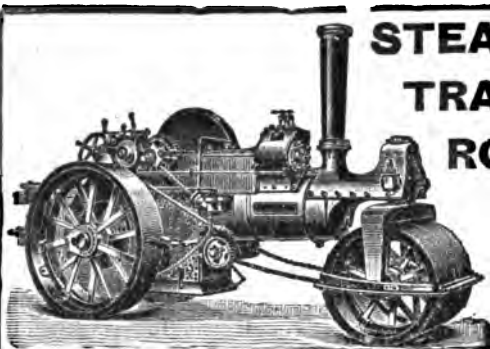
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The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 239.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 240.

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BRITISH INDIA.

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CANADA.

The following were among the recent enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the **Canadian Government Enquiries relating to Canadian Trade** Offices, 17, Victoria Street, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—A firm in a position to export, in a large way, such goods as bronze powders, barytes, china clay, dry colours, French chalk, ochres, siennas, oxides, and other chemicals, desire to correspond with buyers in Canada.

A London firm have requested to be referred to Canadian manufacturers who use colours for decorating china and earthenware.

Colonial Enquiry.—The proprietor of a tea estate in Ceylon desires to get into communication with a wholesale grocer and importer in Canada in regard to an agency.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office**, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—A Welsh provision and produce importing firm ask to be placed in communication with Montreal shippers of butter and cheese.

A Midlands firm would like to hear from Canadian shippers of apples.

Canadian Enquiries.—A Canadian company invite correspondence from United Kingdom manufacturers of linseed oil wishing to do business in Canada.

A Canadian manufacturer of balusters, newels, and similar goods desires addresses of United Kingdom importers.

A Montreal firm of importers and commission merchants would be pleased to hear from United Kingdom manufacturers of woollens, dress goods, linings and blankets who desire to develop trade.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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MALTA.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the Receiver-General and Director of Contracts, Valletta, up to 11 a.m. on Friday, the 11th August, for the supply of fire-clay or stoneware pipes and specials.

Tenders received after the said date and hour will not be considered.

Tenders are to be accompanied by a deposit of 100*l.*, to be made in the Office of the Crown Agents by tenderers residing in Great Britain, not having a representative in Malta, and in the office of the Receiver-General at Valletta by local tenderers.

The tenderer whose offer is accepted shall be held to have bound himself to an agreement, and may be compelled to carry out the obligations arising from his tender, even though he may not have signed a formal contract.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Particulars, specifications, &c., may be obtained on application to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

EGYPT.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of 15th July contains a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened on 10th

Harbour Works. October, for the construction of quays and jetties on the Gabbary shore at Mex. Drawings and specifications may be inspected at the office of the Chief Harbour Engineer, Alexandria. Tenders, in sealed envelopes, addressed to "M. le Directeur Général des Ports et Phares, à l'Arsenal, Alexandria," and inscribed "Offre pour la construction de quais et jetées sur la côte de Gabbary au Mex," should be delivered not later than noon on the 10th October. Tenders submitted by persons who have not previously carried out works of this nature will not be accepted.

RUSSIA.

The following particulars of openings for British trade in Russia are extracted from the recent report of H.M. Consul at Moscow (Mr. H. M. Grove):—

"The sale of motors for utilising naphtha, petroleum and benzine is progressing favourably as far as can be locally ascertained. It is regrettable—in view of the fact that this class of motor will probably be more and more used in Russia, owing to the large production and consumption of kerosene in all forms and the

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RUSSIA—*continued.*

dearness of coal—that Germany still seems, as far as I can ascertain, to be almost the sole purveyor of this class of machinery, at all events as far as this district is concerned.

“The employment of electricity is rapidly increasing in Russia, and Germany still seems to have quite the lion’s share of the market, both as regards getting the big contracts for electrifying railways, &c., and for supplying all sorts of plant. The installation of electric lighting in towns, the conversion of tramway systems to electric traction, &c., is taking place in various towns, but everywhere I hear of it being done by Germans. . . .

“The number of motor cars and bicycles is steadily increasing and seems likely to continue to do so. The improved paving, which is by degrees being laid down in Moscow, will also probably tend to increase the use of these conveyances. They are also coming more and more into use on country estates, where the distances to the nearest railway station or town are often very considerable. The only makes I have seen are French, a few German and one or two so-called Russian, but no British. A certain number of cars and cycles are for sale in the local shops, but I understand the generality are ordered direct from abroad. . . . As at present nearly all the roads are paved with cobbles, the bicycles have to be fairly strong, though at the same time the Russian does not like a heavy machine. In sending over there will be found to be a considerable saving of duty if the parts are not put together, and the machines are fitted up locally. . . .

“There is a considerable market for machine tools in Russia in general, and Moscow is naturally a great purchasing centre. By far the greater part are imported goods, and Germany seems to be the main supplier. There would seem to be no reason why the United Kingdom should not contribute a larger share than is the case at present. The excellent quality of British steel goods is quite understood and appreciated over here, and, as far as I can learn, the main reason why more of the German makes are sold is that they are somewhat cheaper, though Russians have told me that in quality they do not come up to the British makes. It should be remembered that the Russian workman is generally uneducated, and not what in the United Kingdom would be considered a skilled workman; hence the class of goods required is of a somewhat stouter and rougher description than what would be used by a skilled hand in the United Kingdom.

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RUSSIA—continued.

"The ordinary leather used here is of Russian manufacture, and is very largely supplied to the Moscow market by Poland, though there are some leather works here, most of them recently started. However, for belting, soles of boots, &c., and such like goods, where good quality is necessary, nearly all is imported from abroad. Germany here also is the largest supplier, the United Kingdom coming second.

"Austria-Hungary sends a considerable quantity of fancy leather goods, but even in this line Germany has by far the most of the trade. British fancy leather goods are very few and far between. In the local shops I have been offered such goods as British, but, on examination, they have often proved to be of German manufacture." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,441.*)

The British Vice-Consul at Taganrog (Mr. W. H. Hunt) reports that the municipal council of that town have received a grant from the Government to expend 164,824 roubles for repaving the principal streets. Till now the bad state of the pavements was one of the chief reasons which prevented any automobile vehicles from being used in the town. With the new pavement, motor-cycles and every description of inexpensive motor cars may find a good market. At present there are no shops in the town which deal exclusively with cycles; this branch of trade is generally attached to some other speciality, principally sewing machines, gramophones, musical instruments, &c. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,447.*)

The British Vice-Consul at Kertch (Mr. R. Michell) reports that the scheme for the construction of a deep port for ships of great draught, which has been in contemplation for so many years, was again brought up last year for consideration. Several proposals were made, but owing to want of the requisite funds no more satisfactory decision was reached than the construction of a harbour for small vessels some way outside the town and in the direction of the Kertch Ironworks; this is to be taken in hand at once, and a sum of money has already been voted for materials. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,447.*)

SWEDEN.

The British Vice-Consul at Strömstadt (Mr. W. T. Lundgren) reports that the fishing fleet at that port is being increased considerably, and improvements of every kind are adopted, especially in fitting the vessels with petroleum motors, which are used for working the fishing gear also. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,450.*)

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DENMARK.

The "Berlingske Tidende" of 28th July contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply to the Public Lighting **Cast Iron Moulds.** Department of Copenhagen, of cast iron moulds in accordance with conditions and drawings, which may be seen at the offices of the Gas Works Engineer, Lavendelstræde Nr. 1, Copenhagen. Tenders in writing, marked "Tilbud paa Stobejerns Formstykker," will be received by the Director of Public Lighting, 22 Vestre Boulevard, Copenhagen, up to mid-day on 12th August.

GERMANY.

In his recent report, H.M. Consul at Dantzic (Colonel Brookfield) writes:—

Agricultural Machinery: "With regard to immediate openings for British trade, I am still of opinion that a good deal more could be done to push the sale of agricultural machinery. It is also probably a mere question of time when a demand will spring up for motor cars and other kinds of automobile vehicles. At present the local interest in such matters and the knowledge concerning them is decidedly behind the times, and the inferior condition of the country bye-roads may be another drawback to any immediate development in the direction suggested." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,451.*)

BELGIUM.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by H.M. Consul-General at **Construction of Lock Gates.** Antwerp (Mr. E. C. Hertslet) that the municipal authorities of that city are calling for tenders for the construction of new lock gates for dry dock No. 1 of the port. The adjudication will take place on the 8th August, a deposit of 180*l.* being required to qualify any tender. The estimated cost of the construction is 3,336*l.*

The conditions of the contract may be obtained from the Hotel de Ville, Antwerp.

All tenders should be sent in sealed registered envelopes, addressed to the Burgomaster, and should reach the Hotel de Ville, Antwerp, not later than the 7th August.

A copy of the conditions of contract may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

Attention is called to the extract from Major Baldwin's report, given on pp. 206-7, with reference to the principal requirements of the district of Lourenço Marques during the next few years.

Material for Harbour Works, Water Works and Railways.

SPAIN.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 25th July contains a Royal Decree sanctioning a special credit of 6,000,000 pesetas (about 180,614*l.*) for the Minister of Agriculture, Commerce and Public Works; in order that he may initiate special measures (including the construction of public works and the laying down of local roads) for the alleviation of the agricultural distress prevalent in certain provinces of Spain.

The Decree further authorises an additional expenditure by the same Minister of 2,950,000 pesetas (about 88,805*l.*) on highways, new works and upkeep of works: this is to supplement the expenditure already provided for in the approved estimates of the Ministry.

Provision is also made for the application to these relief works of any surplus which may remain from a supplementary credit of 4,098,989 pesetas granted to the aforesaid Ministry on the 6th July last.

ITALY.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Consul-General at Genoa (Mr. W. Keene), reporting that there is a good demand in Turin for British manufactured velveteens. Mr. Keene adds that manufacturers should sell through a local agent.

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) forwards translations of notices calling for tenders for the supply to the Italian Navy of (1) china and porcelain ware to the estimated total value of 10,000 lire (about 400*l.*); and (2) crystal and glass table ware to the same estimated total value, to be delivered at the Royal Arsenals at Spezia and Naples as required.

China and Porcelain Ware: Crystal and Glass Table Ware.

Sealed tenders, made out on Government stamped paper of one lira (obtainable from the Italian Consulate-General in London, 44, Finsbury Square, E.C.), will be opened in both cases at 10 a.m. on 17th August, deposits of 1,000 lire (about 40*l.*) being required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary.

The special conditions of the contract may be seen at the

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Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the Royal Arsenals; at the technical offices of the Navy, Genoa; and at the principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

Attention is called to the notice on pp. 536-7 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd December last *re* "procedure regarding tenders for Italian Government contracts." The above-noted competitions are on the "single auction" system.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" (Brussels) states that tenders will be opened on 2nd September, at the Municipal Offices, Vienna, for the supply of 320,000 tons of cement.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have received from the British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell), copy of a Notice (No. 253) issued from the office of the General Purchasing Officer at Washington for the Isthmian Canal Commission, calling for tenders for the supply of printing presses, hardware, cotton duck, wire rope, &c.

Sealed tenders in triplicate addressed to the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on the 17th August.

Specifications and full information may be obtained from the General Purchasing Officer at Washington. A copy of the specification may be examined at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

In connection with the foregoing, attention is called to the article which appeared on pp. 593-4 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June.

MEXICO.

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico, of 11th July, notifies applications from :—

Hydro-Electric and Electric Lighting Plant.

1. Señores Enrique de Nancy and Francisco Louvrier for an appropriation of 20,000 litres of water per second from the River Totoltepec, State of Veracruz, for the production of motive power.

2. Señores Pérez y Sanchez, S. en C., for an appropriation from the Lake of San Almaya and the River San Luis, State of Mexico, for the production of power for electric lighting purposes.

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CUBA.

The "Gaceta Oficial" of Cuba of 3rd July contains a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened on 9th November at the office of the Secretary of Public Works, Havana, for the construction of a public wharf and new buildings for the Custom House at that port, in accordance with the scheme submitted by Señor S. Scovel (see p. 536 of "Board of Trade Journal" of 23rd March).

Specifications, conditions of tender, &c., may be inspected at the Cuban Consulate, 76, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

BRAZIL.

The "Diario Oficial" of Brazil, of 17th June, contains a Decree approving a contract entered into with the "Companhia Internacional de Docas e Melhoramentos do Brazil" for the construction of a port at Bahia. The sum to be spent on the work is fixed at 20,000,000 gold milreis (about 2,250,000*l.*).

The "Diario," which contains the text of the contract, may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

ARGENTINA.

The following particulars of the import trade of china and earthenware in Argentina are taken from the monthly "Bulletin" of the French Chamber of Commerce in Buenos Ayres:—

The average value of the annual imports of china is 24,000*l.*; the share of Germany amounting to nearly 12,000*l.*, of France to more than 7,000*l.*, and of the United Kingdom to about 1,000*l.* A large proportion of the imports from Germany are passed off as French goods, some German manufacturers even going so far as to stamp their wares with the word, "Limoges."

The annual value of the earthenware imports varies between 80,000*l.* and 90,000*l.* Of this, the United Kingdom sends to the value of about 26,000*l.*, Holland about 18,000*l.*, Germany about 16,000*l.*, Belgium about 10,000*l.*, and France about 7,000*l.* The "Bulletin" states that the low position held by France in this list is due to the fact that since the formation of a syndicate by French earthenware manufacturers, their efforts to extend their trade have relaxed; they lack the stimulating effect of competition, make no effort to find fresh openings, and are content so long as their returns show no actual decrease.

The demand for dinner services of china or white earthenware

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is infinitesimal; the proportion of these sold is about one hundredth part of the total, the remaining 99 per cent. being of earthenware decorated in various fashions. It is difficult to specify any particular pattern as being the most in demand; but, generally speaking, services decorated with wild flowers on a white ground, find the readiest sale. The number of pieces in a service varies between 83, 121, 125, 132 and even more in some instances. There is a good demand for toilet sets of up-to-date manufacture.

In packing these goods, it is advisable to use barrels rather than cases, and hay in preference to straw; each piece should be wrapped in strong, thin paper. Prices are generally quoted f.o.b. Conditions of sale vary, but bills are generally drawn at 30, 60 or 90 days.

A list of addresses of dealers in these goods, and of dealers in sanitary earthenware, in Buenos Ayres may be consulted at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

CHINA.

The Acting British Consul at Wuchow (Mr. F. E. Wilkinson), in reviewing the import trade of that port last

Gardening Tools. year, says:—

"I believe that cheap gardening tools such as spades, rakes, hoes and sickles would sell well here, but to compete with the local article only the iron parts of such implements should be imported. The peasants always make their own handles and stocks out of bamboo, which costs them nothing. . .

"Matches increased in value by over one-half. . . They were all of Japanese manufacture. A match

Match Factory. factory should pay well in Wuchow as any quantity of timber is available, but, as far as I know, the experiment has not yet been tried. Matches and Indian yarn are the only two imports of foreign manufacture which reach the bulk of the population, including even the poorest."

With regard to the prospects for motor launches for purposes of inland navigation, Mr. Wilkinson remarks that

Motor Launches. there is unquestionably a great future for such launches on the West River as, owing to the nature of the traffic, economy of engine space and weight are all-important. A gentleman, who is well acquainted with the trade, informed the Acting Consul that the right type of vessel should be about 30 to 40 tons burden and able to steam at least 10 knots on a 3-foot draught. It is essential, however, he says, that

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she should be built of wood and have water-tight compartments, as, owing to the numerous rapids, shipwrecks are of frequent occurrence. This, adds Mr. Wilkinson, probably means that the hulls would have to be built in Hong-Kong, but it might be worth the while of British motor boat builders to experiment in this kind of vessel. On the West river alone there is room for any number. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,449.*)

EXHIBITION.**ITALY.**

In his recent report, H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) **Milan Exhibition, 1906.** says that the piercing of the Simplon Tunnel was completed on 2nd March, 1905, but, according to reports that have recently appeared in the press, it is not expected to be open to traffic until January, 1906.

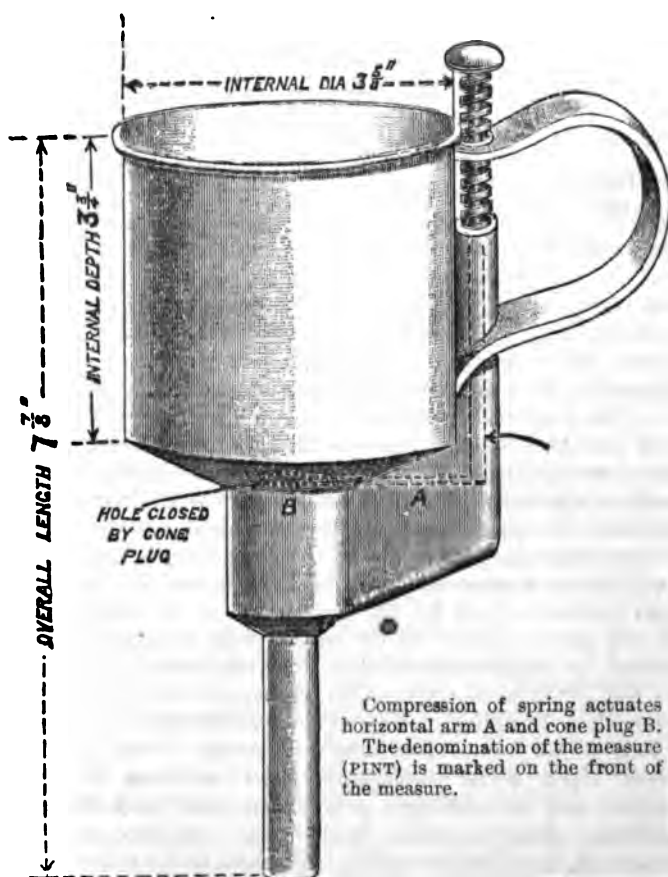
The International Exhibition* to be held at Milan from April to November, 1906, under the patronage of the King of Italy, to celebrate the successful termination of this great work, is attracting considerable attention and receiving a great deal of support in Italy. The Italian Ministries of War and Marine will exhibit, and several foreign countries have decided to send exhibits. Some of them—Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, &c.—have appointed delegates and will have their own pavilions. Italian and foreign exhibitors in good numbers have secured spaces and every effort is being made by the executive committee to make the exhibition a success. The bulk of it will be at the Piazza d'Armi (hitherto used by the garrison), on the outskirts of the town, and the remainder in the public park, with which it will be connected by an electric railway. The total area occupied will be about 840,000 square metres, 201,300 square metres of which will be covered by buildings. The sections of the exhibition have been gradually added to and now consist of means of transport by land, sea and river, aerial navigation, past methods of transport, decorative art, meteorology, a working hall for industrial arts, agriculture, fishery, public health and hygiene and medical assistance to travellers generally. All these sections are subdivided into classes, full particulars of which are to be obtained at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,454.*)

* See notice on pp. 345-6 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25th May last and previous notices respecting this Exhibition.

NOTICES UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1904.

The following are copies of Notices (Nos. 11 and 12) giving the results of the examination and testing of certain patterns of weighing instruments, &c., for use in trade which have been submitted to the Board of Trade under the provisions of Section 6 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904 :—

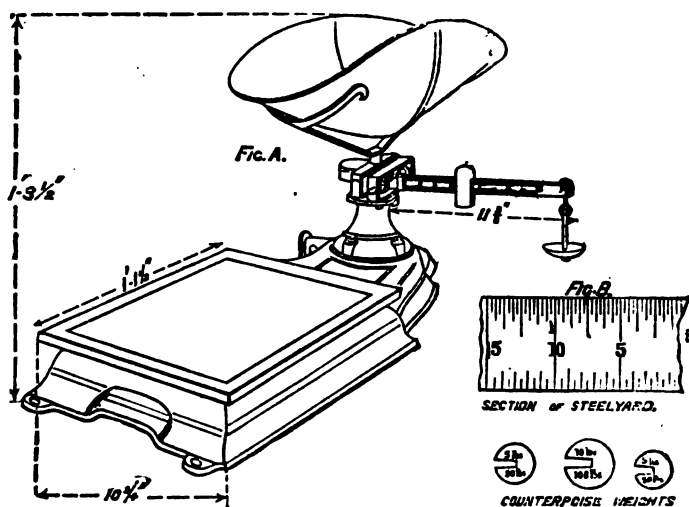
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The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a measuring instrument of the capacity of one pint, known as a measuring funnel, and of the form herewith shown, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, and have issued a certificate that the pattern is not such as to facilitate the perpetration of fraud.

Notices under the Weights and Measures Act, 1904.

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The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a counter steelyard and platform weighing machine of the form here-with shown, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, but as the result of the examination was not satisfactory, the Board have declined to issue a certificate of approval.

BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

Sulina.—The British Vice-Consul at Sulina (Mr. P. Sarell) reports as follows :—

“ Succeeding reports issued from this Vice-Consulate during the last four years have pointed out the peculiarities of the port of Sulina which deprive it of general interest so far as imports or general trade are concerned, and, in addition to this, information furnished to the Commercial Intelligence Department of the Board of Trade describes with more detail the commercial conditions prevailing. In a general way it has been found necessary to warn the trading public against the opening of direct commercial relations with Sulina, and to advise British exporters to address themselves to some intermediary at one of the more important trade centres of Roumania.” (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,432.*)

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Argentina.—In the report from H.M. Legation at Buenos Ayres, recently issued by the Foreign Office, the following advice to British exporters is noted:—

“It is very important for foreign trade-marks on imported articles to be promptly registered in the Argentine republic, as cases have occurred where the trade-mark of a well-known firm has been adopted and registered by an unscrupulous person and the real owner prosecuted for using it; the latter may even be cast in damages. The use of a showy and distinctive mark, combined with lavish advertising, will do more than mere quality alone to ensure a large sale in this country.

“It is also important to note that a contract signed in the United Kingdom cannot be enforced in Argentina unless it has been *visé* at an Argentine Consulate in the United Kingdom.” (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,434.*)

Lourenço Marques.—Referring to the marked decrease last year in the United Kingdom's contribution to the import and transit trades of Lourenço Marques, and to the corresponding increase in the trade of competing countries, H.M. Consul-General at that port (Major Baldwin) writes:—

“There is unquestionably a local condition which has acted, and which will continue to act, with increasing severity to the detriment of British trade. The German East Africa Line of steamers has a monopoly of the carrying trade between the competing European ports and those of the east coast of Africa. The steamers of the Austrian Lloyd Company provide a monthly service, by the east coast, between Trieste and Durban, and the British India Company's steamers have also a monthly service along the same coast either to Bombay or in connection, by transshipment, with their European service from India, but for all practical purposes the German line, as has been stated, has a monopoly of the direct trade with the great manufacturing and distributing centres of the Continent. This line has, of course, obtained this monopoly by the aid of a heavy subsidy. . . . The question to be considered is the effect of the existence of the monopoly upon British trade. The effect upon shipping and the carrying trade is self-evident and can perhaps be better appreciated by a consideration of the figures given in the shipping returns. The existence of a direct, regular and efficient line of national steamers, even although freights be regulated in agreement with other and indirectly competing lines, must tend to throw trade into the hands of the manufacturers of the country to which the line belongs, and whose ports it is its principal business to serve. If to this be added a preferential inclusive tariff from inland manufacturing towns and possibly other favourably treatment to national goods, the gradual transfer of trade can only be a matter of time.”

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Further on in his report, Major Baldwin states that there is every reason to suppose that the number of natives going out to work will increase year by year, and the amount of money brought back to that province will increase in the same proportion. As the native becomes richer so will his wants increase, and so also will his discrimination, and it is necessary for the merchant and manufacturers who supply the Kaffir demand to keep a careful watch for signs of a changing and improving taste on the part of their customers.

So far as the future is concerned, exclusive of the Kaffir trade, the principal requirements during the next few years will be in connection with harbour works, docks, water works, sewerage and railways, and all the machinery, sheds, pipes, cement, iron, timber and material used for the construction and equipment of such works.

The local and the Transvaal firms are naturally in a better position to tender for these supplies, and the probability of British manufacturers obtaining their share of the orders must often depend upon the capability and energy of their representatives in South Africa. In connection with this, it is rather noticeable that the agencies for many British manufactures are in the hands of foreigners. It is said that there is not much sentiment in business, but given only a slight margin between two articles there is probably sufficient sentiment to incline the agent to push the sale of those of his own country. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,439.*)

St. Malo.—In his report for last year, the British Vice-Consul at St. Malo (Hon. E. Henniker-Major) writes:—

“I have again received many catalogues during 1904, most of which are in English, and of little use for the general public, although I am able sometimes to give them to people who can and will read English and work out British measures. If those who send these lists would for a moment consider what they would do, not understanding French, if similar lists were sent to them, I think they would cease to waste money on postage which cannot bring trade. I am glad to say that there are exceptions, and some well compiled lists in French have come to hand, which I trust may have brought some result.” (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,440.*)

Siberia.—In his report for the year 1904 (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,441*) H.M. Consul at Moscow (Mr. H. M. Grove) says it should be borne in mind that, as owing to the war it has been most difficult to get any ordinary supplies into Siberia, the local stocks there must be very low; also that owing to the large number of troops in the Far East there is a very considerable amount of money in the pockets of the population, so that a

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soon as the line is again available for ordinary traffic there will be a very great demand for goods of all sorts. It would seem, therefore, that the present would be a good time to study the requirements of the Siberian market in order to be ready to meet the rush when it comes, as it is bound to do.

As far as the United Kingdom is concerned, Mr. Grove says that beyond some agricultural and dairy machinery, one virtually finds no British goods in Siberia. The main point to be remembered is that the Siberian purchaser is usually poor, and can only afford cheap goods, or if he takes better class goods he must have long credit. This being so, it would, in Mr. Grove's opinion, seem to be advisable to establish dépôts of wares under the charge of persons knowing the language, customs and requirements of the country, and able to obtain reliable information as to the amount of credit that can be allowed to would-be purchasers.

For further information on this subject, as well as for a list of Siberian periodicals and newspapers available for advertising purposes, reference is made to Mr. Cooke's report on "British Trade in Siberia"—p. 103, for list of newspapers.

Erzeroum.—In his annual report, H.M. Consul at Erzeroum (Mr. H. S. Shipley, C.M.G.) states that the only change during the year 1904 worthy of note was the extraordinary increase in the German and Italian goods imported into that district. British cotton goods showed a decrease of 25 per cent. Germany and Italy between them imported into Erzeroum for local sale, or distribution in the neighbouring provinces, flannelette to the value of 100,000*l.* 300,000*l.* is the average total of manufactured goods imported into Erzeroum annually for sale or despatch inland. A few years ago these 300,000*l.* were spent wholly in the United Kingdom; now, "as a beginning," Germany and Italy have taken one-third. It is high time, in the opinion of the local merchants who do business with the United Kingdom, that representatives of British firms should pay the district a visit and study the needs of the population. The difficulties of travelling are not so great as they are said to be; the Kurds are usually most hospitable to strangers, and the weather from May to October generally fine, while the country itself is interesting and the scenery in parts magnificent.

Mr. Shipley adds that he receives many trade catalogues in English, but he fears the result is not worth the postage spent on them. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,442.*)

Diarbekir.—The Acting British Vice-Consul at Diarbekir reports that, on the whole, the position of British trade would seem to be satisfactory, but there is a field for initiative and energy. Business at Diarbekir is mostly conducted on a very small scale, and little

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is done to familiarise the people with British products. The opening of a general store, on the lines of co-operative stores existing elsewhere, would perhaps be a step in the right direction. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,442.*)

Costa Rica.—H.M. Consul at San José (Mr. F. N. Cox) states in his recent report that the general condition of trade in Costa Rica appears to be sounder than for some years past. Values of property in the interior are on a more stable basis, credit is used with greater care, and the rate of interest current in the country has fallen from 12 to 10 per cent. per annum.

The Commercial Bank of Costa Rica, with a capital of 1,000,000 colon (about 95,000*l.*), has been organised, and started its operations on 1st June, 1905. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,444.*)

Germany.—In his recent report on the trade of Germany, H.M. Consul-General at Frankfort-on-Main (Mr. F. Oppenheimer) comments on the practice, still to some extent in vogue in that country, of marking goods manufactured in Germany with British names and phrases so as to misguide the buying public. An important item, he says, in the mode of procedure of certain firms, is the trade-mark, the design of which is, as a rule, so devised as to deceive even those who examine it closely. The design moreover often bears at the bottom thereof the words "trade mark," though this term has long been superseded by the German technical term "Schutzmarke" or "Waarenzeichen." Among the articles thus sold are all kinds of perfumery, soaps, confectionery, jams, canned provisions, biscuits, all kinds of papers and card-boards, &c.

Mr. Oppenheimer further points out that a decision of the Supreme Court of Leipzig has recently established the fact that the originator of drawings and designs for illustrated catalogues has rights of property in them as an originator though no application for protection, either of the nature of copyright or otherwise, has been made. A German manufacturer of chairs had produced a catalogue containing a number of new designs; the chairs were neither patented nor protected in any way, and it was open to anybody to build chairs similar in every detail. A rival chairmaker reproduced these illustrations in a catalogue which he circulated, obviously with the intention of saving expense and trouble. The judgment of the Supreme Court, which held that the latter was liable to fine (confirming the judgment of the court below), may be of interest to British manufacturers, who have no doubt repeatedly found that designs taken from their catalogues are reproduced in the catalogues of German manufacturers. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,445.*)

TRADE OF CAPE COLONY.

With reference to the statement on pp. 590-91 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 29th June, the "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of the 27th June publishes statistics showing the value of the goods imported into and exported from Cape Colony during the five months ended the 31st May, 1905, as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year, from which the following tables have been prepared:—

Imports into Cape Colony.*

Principal and other Articles.	Five Months ended 31st May.	
	1904.	1905.
Provisions of all kinds (<i>includes butter, cheese, chicory, coffee, meats, sugar, and tea</i>) ...	£ 1,424,000	£ 1,354,000
Metals and metal manufactures (<i>includes iron, lead, machinery, hardware, wire fencing, &c.</i>) ...	1,152,000	807,000
Corn and grain, &c. (<i>flour, maize, oats, wheat, and rice</i>) ...	679,000	685,000
Haberdashery ...	610,000	591,000
Cotton manufactures ...	332,000	404,000
Leather and leather manufactures (<i>includes boots and shoes, and saddlery and harness</i>) ...	334,000	390,000
Wood, and manufactures of (<i>includes furniture</i>) ...	674,000	361,000
Wearing apparel (<i>includes hats</i>) ...	388,000	357,000
Stationery (<i>includes books</i>) ...	252,000	234,000
Alcoholic beverages (<i>includes wine, beer, and spirits</i>) ...	157,000	147,000
Woollen manufactures ...	161,000	146,000
Tobacco of all sorts ...	88,000	108,000
Drugs and chemicals ...	110,000	102,000
Soap and candles... ..	102,000	98,000
Animals, living	124,000	95,000
Carts and carriages (<i>includes bicycles</i>) ...	109,000	90,000
Pipes, iron and earthen	100,000	77,000
Oil, mineral	73,000	73,000
Agricultural implements	88,000	71,000
Coal, coke, and patent fuel	91,000	68,000
Arms and ammunition (<i>includes dynamite and blasting compound and powder</i>) ...	67,000	58,000
Confectionery (<i>includes jams</i>)	48,000	54,000
Jewellery and plated ware (<i>includes clocks and watches</i>)	46,000	49,000
Earthen manufactures	47,000	42,000
Paints, varnish and turpentine... ..	40,000	41,000
Bags, all sorts	32,000	41,000
Cement	36,000	40,000
Oilman stores (not edible)	28,000	30,000
Linen manufactures	19,000	23,000
All other articles of merchandise	1,482,000	1,165,000
Total merchandise	8,893,000	7,801,000
Articles imported for the Colonial Government	975,000	215,000
Specie	80,000	87,000
Grand total, imports	9,898,000	8,103,000

NOTE.—The official figures of imports into Cape Colony are exclusive of imports by the Imperial Government, but it may be noted that supplies for the Army are still partly contracted for on the spot.

* Exclusive of imports of diamonds and gold from States outside the Colony:—6,183,000*l.* during the first five months of 1904, and 8,730,000*l.* during the same period of 1905.

*Trade of Cape Colony (continued).***Exports from Cape Colony.**

Principal and other Articles.	Five Months ended 31st May.	
	1904.	1905.
	£	£
Gold (raw)	6,104,000	8,369,000
Diamonds	2,127,000	2,224,000
Wool (washed, scoured, and in the grease) ...	968,000	865,000
Live animals	21,000	592,000
Ostrich feathers	508,000	442,000
Hides and skins	179,000	220,000
Copper ore	177,000	189,000
Hair, Angora	142,000	94,000
All other articles of merchandise	79,000	230,000
Total merchandise ... £	10,305,000	13,225,000
Imported goods, re-exported	166,000	196,000
Specie	819,000	14,000
Grand total, exports ... £	11,290,000	13,435,000

PRISON LABOUR IN GERMANY.

H.M. Consul-General at Frankfort-on-Main (Mr. F. Oppenheimer) reports that, to avoid as far as possible the often not unfounded complaint concerning the competition of prison-produced articles with similar articles produced elsewhere, the German authorities are now being guided by the following principles:—

1. The system of letting out prison labour by contract is to be abandoned, because it injures free labour generally and some crafts in particular, as the system has especially been made use of by commercial enterprises with considerable capitals.

2. Prison labour is chiefly to be used for the manufacture of articles for prison use and for the use of Government departments.

3. Prisoners are also to be used as far as possible and as far as admissible for labour upon the soil and other public works.

In consequence of the application of these principles, at the present time only 27 per cent. of prisoners are occupied in the execution of contract work, and at no distant time this occupation will have been abandoned altogether. But even to-day no serious competition can be said to arise from contracts still in operation.

All requirements for home use are being satisfied by prison labour, so that even the erection of new prisons near Elberfeld is being carried out entirely by prisoners; free labour is there being used only for the construction of the central heating apparatus and similar technical work. The work on the soil executed by prisoners includes the draining of moors, the correction and regulation of river beds, the laying out of vineyards and the creation of pasture land. The Nordhorn-Almelo Canal, including a lock, has been entirely built by prisoners. The articles manufactured for prison use include, besides the envelopes already mentioned, rougher interior fittings of barracks, military hospitals and railway stations, iron bedsteads, towels, bed linen, brushes, brooms, &c. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,445.*)

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 27th May last contains a Proclamation, dated 19th May, 1905, which provides for the prohibition, from and after 1st September next, of the importation of "corn sacks" into Australia, unless each corn-sack is plainly branded or marked "with its trade name, its measurement, weight, porter and shot."

**Regulations
affecting
Importation of
Corn Sacks.**

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 499 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 15th June last, respecting the duty on edible seed oil imported into the Australian Commonwealth, the Board of Trade have now received a copy of the "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 10th June last, which contains a notice which cancels the previous notice of 5th April last, and enacts that, as "maize oil" (known as edible seed-oil) is capable of being used as a substitute for "cotton-seed oil," the same duty will be charged as on "cotton-seed oil" (viz. :—2s. per gallon) on importation into the Commonwealth.

**Import Duties on
Maize Oil.**

NEW ZEALAND.

A copy of the "New Zealand Gazette" for 1st June last has been received, which contains an Order-in-Council dated 22nd May, 1905, notifying that from the date of publication in the Gazette, no head or antler of any stag shall be sold in, or exported from, the Colony, without the consent, in writing, of the Colonial Secretary.

**Regulations
respecting the
Exportation of
Stags' Heads.**

Any person committing a breach of the above regulations shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding 20l.

SELANGOR.

A copy of a Notification (No. 319 of 1905) dated 19th June, 1905, has been received, which was published in the "Selangor Government Gazette" of 20th June last, notifying that, in consequence of the existence of rinderpest among cattle at Port Swettenham, the Resident, under rule 55 (i.) and (ii.) of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Enactment, prohibited the importation of cattle into that Port until further notice.

A further Notification (No. 356 of 1905) has also been received, which provides for the prohibition (in consequence of the existence of rabies in the State of Negri Sembilan) of the importation of dogs into the State of Selangor, either by land or sea, until further notice.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***SARAWAK—continued.**

Articles.							Rates of Import Duty.	
IMPORT DUTIES IN FORCE AT "OUTSTATIONS."							Dols.	Cts.
Brass guns, Lelabs	...	...	...	...	...	Per pikul	4	0
Brassware, brass wire, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	"	7	20
Brassware and copper sheathing (old)	...	...	...	...	...	"	3	60
Iron and steel	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	50
Jars, Tajows (new)	...	...	...	...	...	Each	5	0
" (old)	...	...	...	...	...	"	5	0
" Kaboks, 20 dols. to 40 dols.	...	...	...	...	...	"	1	0
Salt Nipa	...	...	...	...	...	Per 100 garis	0	18
Articles.							Rates of Export Duty.	
EXPORT DUTIES.							Dols.	Cts.
Bees' wax	...	...	...	...	...	Per pikul	5	0
Birds' nests—white	...	...	...	...	...	" catty	1	50
" black (from Niah)	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	10
" (all other kinds)	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	30
Camphor	...	...	...	...	...	"	4	50
Canes—Malacca, &c., &c.	...	...	...	...	...	" 1,000	2	0
Damar—Mata Kuching (white)	...	...	...	...	...	" pikul	2	0
" Daging	...	...	...	...	...	"	1	0
" Darat or Laut	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	10
Fish—Malang and Benong	...	...	...	...	...	"	1	0
" Trubok, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	Ad val.	10	%
" Maws No. 1	...	...	...	...	...	Per catty	0	30
" " No. 2	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	20
" " No. 3	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	10
" Fins	...	...	...	...	...	" pikul	3	50
" Dried prawns (Sesar)	...	...	...	...	...	"	1	0
" Fish roe	...	...	...	...	...	Ad val.	10	%
" Blachan	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	70
Gutta—Jelutong	...	...	...	...	...	Per pikul	0	70
" All other kinds (including Jangkar)	...	...	...	...	...	Ad val.	10	%
India rubber	...	...	...	...	...	"	10	%
Kulit Tengar	...	...	...	...	...	Per coyan	1	20
Padi	...	...	...	...	...	Ad val.	5	%
Rattans—Sega, Sluang, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	Per pikul	1	0
" Temoi, Blah, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	50
" Talam	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	25
Sago—raw	...	...	...	...	...	" coyan	4	0
" manufactured flour	...	...	...	...	...	Ad val.	24	%
" " pearl	...	...	...	...	...	"	10	%
Sugar—Nipa	...	...	...	...	...	"	2	0
Timber	...	...	...	...	...	Per ton (40 cubic ft.)	0	40
Vegetable tallow or oil	...	...	...	...	...	Per pikul	1	0
" nuts (Illipe nuts)	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	40
Kayu Baku, Garoo and Laka, Bezoar stones (Guliga)	...	...	...	...	...	Ad val.	10	%
Kadjangs, Nibongs, bamboo and other jungle produce	...	...	...	...	...	"	10	%
Cultivated produce, &c.—								
Cutch	...	...	...	...	...	Per pikul	0	12
Gambier	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	10
Pepper—black	...	...	...	...	...	"	1	0
" white	...	...	...	...	...	"	2	0
Pinangs	...	...	...	...	...	"	0	10
Tapioca—raw	...	...	...	...	...	Ad val.	24	%
" manufactured	...	...	...	...	...	"	5	%
Kalasah and Bamban mats	...	...	...	...	...	"	5	%

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

NORWAY.

With reference to the notices which appeared in the "Journal" for the 18th May and following issues on the subject of the Provisional Customs Tariff for Norway which is now in force, the Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Norwegian Storting have enacted the following addition to this Tariff:—

A note has been added to No. 610 of the Tariff ("sauced tobacco") as follows:—

In cases where the stalk has been removed, ten per cent. additional duty is to be paid on leaves and carrots.

The tare on unmanufactured tobacco imported in rush bales has been reduced from ten to four per cent.

These alterations take immediate effect.

GERMANY.

Paper wrappers for chemists' wares.—The Hamburg Customs Authorities have recently decided that wrappers of imitation parchment paper intended for wrapping up bottles of medicine, &c., imported in blocks or in packets of loose sheets, with a printed advertisement on the outside, are to be dutiable on importation under No. 27 (f) 2 of the Tariff at the rate of 12 marks per 100 kilogs. (0·65*d.* per lb.).

GERMANY—SAMOA.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Decree of the Governor of Samoa, constituting the importation and sale of opium in the Protectorate a Government monopoly.

The Decree came into force on 20th April last.

ITALY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Tariff alterations consequent on the new Commercial Treaty between Italy and Germany will take effect, as regards imports into Italy, from the 31st March next.

The following is a translation of the schedule of the conventional duties to be levied on German imports into Italy attached to the new Treaty, which supersedes the corresponding schedule attached to the German-Italian Treaty of 1891.

It should be noted that the alterations consequent on the new Treaty with Germany are additional to the alterations consequent on the new Treaty with Switzerland*, and that both will be applicable to imports from the United Kingdom under the most-favoured-nation clause of the Anglo-Italian Treaty of 1883.

* These are already in force—see "Board of Trade Journal" for 9th, 16th, and 23rd February, and 2nd and 16th March last.

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ITALY—continued.

[NOTE.—Additions to the text of the Tariff are indicated by *italic type*.]

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At Present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
		Lire Cts.	Lire Cts.
<i>Ex 4</i>	*Beer, dark, prepared in the Bavarian manner—	<i>Per hectol.</i>	<i>Per hectol.</i>
(a)	In casks or barrels	3 00	3 00
(b)	In bottles	<i>Per hundred</i>	<i>Per hundred</i>
<i>Ex 9</i>	Volatile oils and essences—	3 00	3 00
(d)	Of mint	<i>Per kilog.</i>	<i>Per kilog.</i>
(e)	Not specified	7 50	7 50
<i>Ex 31</i>	Acids—	3 00	3 00
(g)	Phenic	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>
<i>Ex (i)</i>	Gallic and tannic, pure	10 00	10 00
(q)	Tartaric	10 00	10 00
<i>Ex (r)</i>	Not specially mentioned, <i>except citric and lactic acids</i>	10 00	10 00
<i>Ex 33</i>	Caustic potash	2 00	2 00
34	Alkaloids	<i>Per kilog.</i>	<i>Per kilog.</i>
<i>Ex 35</i>	Oxides—	5 00	5 00
(a)	Of aluminium hydrate (pure alumina)	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>
	<i>Note.</i> —Gelatinous alumina is included under No. 35 (a).	4 00	4 00
(c)	Of zinc	5 00	5 00
<i>Ex 36</i>	Acetates and pyrolignites—		
<i>Ex (b)</i>	Acetates of baryta, lime, potash, and soda	4 00	4 00
37 (e)	Carbonates of soda	0 50	0 50
40 (a)	Nitrate of silver	<i>Per kilog.</i>	<i>Per kilog.</i>
<i>Ex 43</i>	Sulphates—	5 00	5 00
(o)	Of baryta	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>
(g)	Of potash	1 00	1 00
46	Sulphide of mercury (cinnabar or vermilion)	Free.	Free.
50	Bromine and iodine	80 00	80 00
56	Salicylates, except alkaloidal salicylates... ..	Free.	Free.
<i>Ex 58</i>	Ceresine, pure or mixed with paraffin	80 00	80 00
<i>Ex 59</i>	Chemical products not specially mentioned—	8 00	8 00
	(1) Glycerine, raw or refined; oxalate (bi-oxalate) of potash; salts of strontia; cyanide of potassium; sulphide of potassium and of sodium; sulphide		

* The surtax on beer, intended to countervail the internal tax, shall be paid, at the importer's option, either on the basis of a saccharometric richness of 16 degrees at the maximum, or on the basis of the saccharine and alcoholic richness, determined according to the formula $E + 2A$, where E represents dry extract in grammes per 100 cubic centimetres, and A alcohol in grammes per 100 cubic centimetres.

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Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At Present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
		Lire Cts.	Lire Cts.
	of arsenic (orpiment), yellow or red, not in powder; chromate and bi-chromate of potash and of soda; salts of tin; pure albumen; salts of cadmium; oxide of copper; boiler-disin-crusting preparations; oxide of antimony; benzoates; glazing for dressing tissues; citrate of iron; liver of sulphur; phosphates; manganates; mastic composed of nut or linseed oil and oxide or carbonate of lead; mastic composed of resin, wax, and ochre, prepared for joining marble or other similar substances, or for covering the corks of bottles	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> 4 00	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> 4 00
	(2) Other (<i>except chlorates and perchlorates of soda or of potash, and salts of antimony</i>) ...	10 00	10 00
<i>Ex 61</i>	Cartridges, caps, and slow matches—		
<i>(d.)</i>	Caps... ..	220 00	220 00
<i>66 (b)</i>	Camphor, refined	25 00	25 00
<i>Ex 69</i>	Cotton and wadding, antiseptic; pure pepsin; hop extract; terpin ...	10 00	10 10
<i>Ex 70</i>	Camphorated oil	10 00	10 00
<i>Ad 76</i>	Synthetic indigo shall not be subjected to other or higher duties than those imposed on natural indigo.		
77	Prussiate of potash, yellow and red...	Free.	Free.
78	Colours derived from tar and other bituminous substances: dry, in paste, or liquid	Free.	Free.
	<i>Note.</i> —Colours derived from tar by means of gallic acid, sulphur, or sulphides, are included under No. 78.		
	Colours derived from tar shall be admitted free of duty even when they contain substances (<i>e.g.</i> , chloride of sodium in a proportion not exceeding 50 per cent., acetic acid, dextrine, &c.), the addition of which is solely intended to fix or render permanent the shade of the dye and to prevent its precipitation in the bath, or otherwise to give the colour a property calculated to adapt it more fully to its purpose.		

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Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At Present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
		Lire. Cts. <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>	Lire Cts. <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>
79	Colouring extracts from dye-woods or other dye-stuffs of any kind ...	10 00	10 00
80	Colours in cakes or powder, or of any other kind, including aniline dye-lacs ...	10 00	10 00
	<i>Note.</i> —By "aniline dye-lacs" are to be understood combinations of aniline with alumina, oxide of tin, of lead, or of iron, without any addition of mineral oil or of alcohol, in the dry state or wet (in paste).		
81 (b) 2	Non-alcoholic varnishes, not containing mineral oils ...	20 00	20 00
82	Pencils :—		
(a)	Coloured pastels, without sheath ; and all pencils with polished or varnished sheath, not white ...	100 00	100 00
(b)	Other ...	10 lire or 50 lire	50 00
83	Inks :—		
(a)	Printing ...	12 00	12 00
(b)	Other ...	15 00	15 00
Ex 95	Linen plush of any kind ...	Various rates.	100 00
Ex 103 (a)	Bags, bed and table linen, towels, curtains simply hemmed, and similar articles of linen ...	{ Duty on tissue + 10 per cent.	{ Duty on tissue + 10 per cent.
108	Cotton sewing thread, wound on reels, in balls, or otherwise prepared for retail sale ...	110 00	110 00
		{ Duty on bleached tissues with a surtax of 66·50 or 70 lire per 100 kilogs.	{ Duty on bleached tissues with a surtax of 70 lire per 100 kilogs.
115	Cotton tissues, printed ...	{ Half duty on tissue without emery.	{ 45 00
120 (c)	Cotton emery-cloth ...		

*(To be continued.)***MEXICO.**

A supplement to the Mexican "Diario Oficial" for the 20th June contains the first portion of the text of a revised Customs Tariff which has recently been promulgated by the President of Mexico and is to come into force on the 1st September next.

Very considerable alterations in duties have been introduced by the revised tariff, several classes of articles having been exempted from

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the duties to which they were previously subject; while the duties have been lowered in the case of 175 tariff headings and raised in the case of 217 others. The new rates also incorporate the 10 per cent. additional duty (which took the place of the former stamp duty on imports and the special duties for port works) and the duties now levied in stamps on imported alcoholic beverages and on playing cards.

A complete translation of the new Tariff is being prepared at H.M. Legation at Mexico, and will be open to inspection, when received, at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. In the meantime a copy of the "Diario" containing so much of the new Tariff as has been published up to the present time may be seen at the same address.

The following is a list of the principal articles of interest to British trade, and of the rates of duty now leviable thereon, so far as regards the portion of the text of the Tariff as yet available:—

No.	Articles.	Unit.	Duty.
			Pesos. cts.
2	Horses, geldings	Head	45 00
4	Fresh meat of all kinds	Kilog. net	0 10
5	Meat, fish, and shellfish, dried, salted, smoked or pickled	" legal	0 15
9	Wool flecks	100 kilogs. gross	2 00
14	Animal fats, not specified	Kilog. gross	0 08
16	Wool, in fleece, unwashed	" "	0 07
17	Wool, in fleece, washed or degreased	" "	0 11
18	Wool, carded	" net	0 14
22	Goats' and camels' hair	" gross	0 12
28	Hides and skins, untanned, not specified	100 kilogs. gross	3 50
34	Alimentary animal preserves	Kilog. legal	0 18
38	Butter	" "	0 25
40	Cheese of all kinds	" "	0 15
46	Animal wax	" net	0 55
47	Glue	" gross	0 05
51	Stearine in cakes	" "	0 11
52	Glycerine	—	Free
55	Silk, raw of all kinds	Kilog. net	1 10
59	Articles of leather, not specified	" legal	2 00
60	Belting and cables of leather for machinery	" gross	0 55
62	Calf skins, patent leather, kid skins, chamois and other common skins tanned, not specified	Kilog. legal	1 60
63	Leather gloves, plain or embroidered, unlined	" "	6 00
64	Leather gloves, plain or embroidered, lined	" "	3 00
65	Leather gloves, lined or not, with wrists strengthened	" "	1 50
68	Sole leather	" "	1 00
69	Babooshes, pattens, and slippers up to 12 cm. sole length, of leather or other material not containing silk, even furnished with ornaments or embroidery of silk or of base metal	Pair	0 30

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No.	Articles.	Unit.	Duty.
			Pesos. cts.
70	Baboooses, pattens and slippers of more than 12 cm. and up to 20 cm. sole length, of leather or other material not containing silk, even with ornaments or embroidery of silk or of base metal	Pair	0 40
71	Baboooses, pattens and slippers of more than 20 cm. sole length, of leather or other material not containing silk, even with ornaments or embroidery of silk or of base metal	"	0 60
72	Leather boots for men	"	3 00
73	Boots (<i>botines</i>) and low shoes, up to 12 cm. sole length, of leather or tissue of any kind and material, provided they do not contain precious metal	"	0 70
74	Boots (<i>botines</i>) and low shoes of more than 12 and up to 20 cm. sole length, of leather or tissue of any kind or material, provided they do not contain precious metal	"	1 15
75	Boots (<i>botines</i>) and low shoes of more than 20 cm. sole length, of leather or tissue of any kind or material, provided they do not contain precious metal	"	1 75
82	Candles of wax	Kilog. gross	0 70
83	Candles of spermaceti, stearine, and of tallow, pressed or not	"	0 20
84	Cotton, raw, unginned	100 kgs. gross	3 30
85	Cotton, ginned	"	7 70
86	Cotton, carded	Kilog. legal	0 22
87	Waste cotton	100 kgs. gross	2 20
93	Rice	Kilog. gross	0 08
95	Coffee in the berry, husked or not	—	Free.
98	Fruits, dried, not specified	Kilog. gross	0 10
100	Fruits in their juice, in syrup or in spirit	" legal	0 80
102	Fruits, garden produce, vegetables and tubers, not specified, preserved	Kilog. legal	0 18
107	Oleaginous seeds and fruits, not specified	" gross	0 01
116	Hops	—	Free
122	Tea	Kilog. net	0 55
125	Sugar, common, candy sugar, and refined sugar, of all kinds	100 kgs. gross	2 50
126	Roasted coffee, in the bean or ground, not specified	Kilog. legal	0 05
127	Preserves, sweetmeats and chocolate	" "	0 80
129	Biscuits of all kinds	" gross	0 16
130	Flour of wheat and other cereals, and feculæ not specified	" legal	0 10
134	Gums, resins and natural balsams, not specified	" "	0 12
136	Cocoa-nut oil, linseed oil, maize and cottonseed oil, in ship tanks or cart tanks	100 kgs. net	5 50
137	Cocoa-nut oil, linseed oil, maize and cottonseed oil, in drums or tins	Kilog. gross	0 05
140	Oil of turpentine and turpentine	" legal	0 10
141	Vegetable tar and colophony	" gross	0 05
144	Gum arabic, copal, damar, pounce or sandarac, lac, senegal and tragacanth	" legal	0 12

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No.	Articles.	Unit.	Duty.
159	Furniture of common wood, without upholstery, inlaid work, ornaments of metal, or tissue containing silk	Kilog. legal	Pesos. cts. 0 20
160	Furniture of common wood, upholstered, without inlaid work, ornaments of metal, or tissue containing silk	" "	0 30
161	Furniture of fine wood or common wood veneered with fine wood, without ornaments of metal, inlaid work, upholstery, or tissue containing silk	" "	0 35
162	Furniture of fine wood or common wood veneered with fine wood, upholstered, without inlaid work, ornaments of metal or tissue containing silk	" "	0 45
163	Furniture of wood of all kinds, gilt or with inlaid work or ornaments except of precious metal, or with tissue containing silk	" "	0 70
168	Cordage of cotton, aloë, hemp and other similar fibres, measuring 3 cm. or more in diameter	" gross	0 09
169	Sacks made of tissues of jute, agave, ixtle, henequin or coarse canvas, specified in Nos. 382 and 383	" "	0 12
173	Ropes and cordage up to one cm. in diameter	" legal	0 14
174	Ropes and cordage of more than one and less than three cm. diameter	" gross	0 09
175	Cotton wicks for lamps	" legal	0 33
176	Tobacco, " <i>brevé</i> ," or for chewing	" "	1 10
177	Tobacco sifted or cut for cigarettes	" "	1 70
178	Snuff or rappee	" "	3 30
179	Cigarettes	" "	2 20
180	Cigars	" net	7 70
181	Gold, silver or platinum in ores, in bullion for coining or in dust	—	Free
183	Jewellery and all kinds of articles of gold or platinum, or of both metals, with pearls or precious stones	Kilog. net	100 00
184	Jewellery and all kinds of articles of gold or platinum, or of both metals, without pearls or precious stones	" "	55 00
185	Jewellery and all kinds of articles of silver, or of silver and gold, with pearls or precious stones	" "	60 00
186	Jewellery and all kinds of articles of silver, or of silver and gold, without pearls or precious stones	" "	12 00
195	Bronze, brass and white metal, in ingots or granulated	Kilog. gross	0 05
196	Copper in ingots or granulated, ores of copper, unworked, and copper matte	—	Free
197	Copper, brass, bronze and white metal, in bars	Kilog. gross	0 13
198	Copper, brass, bronze and white metal, in plates, sheets or tubes	" "	0 17
199	Wire of copper, brass, bronze or white metal, covered with any material	" "	0 10
200	Wire, uncovered, of copper, brass, bronze or white metal, up to 2 mm. in diameter	" "	0 10

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No.	Articles.	Unit.	Duty.
			Pesos. cts.
201	Wire, uncovered, of copper, brass, bronze or white metal, more than 2 mm. in diameter...	Kilog. gross	0 06
202	Wire, spangles, thread and tinsel, of common metal, gilt or silvered	" legal	1 10
203	Manufactures of copper, brass, bronze or white metal, not specified	" "	0 50
204	Manufactures of copper, brass, bronze or white metal, not specified, the weight of each article exceeding 10 kilogs.	" "	0 22
205	Manufactures of copper, brass, bronze, or any other common metal, gilt or silvered, the weight of each article not exceeding 10 kilogs.	" "	1 80
206	Manufactures of copper, brass, bronze, or any other common metal, gilt or silvered, the weight of each article exceeding 10 kilogs....	" "	0 50
207	Cables, without metallic sheath (<i>no armado</i>), of copper, brass, bronze or white metal, covered with any material, or uncovered, cylindrical or flat, and of any diameter	" gross	0 06
208	Cables with metallic sheath (<i>armados</i>), covered with any insulating substance	—	Free
217	Tin in bars or in the rough	Kilog. legal	0 10
218	Ingots and alloys of lead and antimony, for printing type	—	Free
220	Lead in bars, pigs or ingots	Kilog. gross	0 04
221	Zinc in ingots, filings, granulated or wire ...	—	Free
222	Manufactures of tin, zinc, and of alloys of zinc, lead and tin, not specified	Kilog. legal	0 30
223	Manufactures of lead, not specified	" "	0 10
224	Lead in sheets, in tubes or pipes, and lead for window panes	Kilog. gross	0 06
225	Zinc in sheets, one metre broad by 2.25 metres long, and one mm. thick, imported solely for the working of ores	—	Free
226	Zinc rolled, not specified	Kilog. gross	0 08
228	Steel in bars, round, square and flat, in semi-circular rods, of octagonal or hexagonal section, and cruciform... ..	100 kilogs. gross	5 50
229	Wire of iron or steel of a diameter exceeding 1 mm.	" "	5 50
230	Wire of iron or steel of a diameter of 1 mm. or less	Kilog. gross	0 09
231	Iron wire for fences, and hoops of iron with rivets, for securing bales	100 kilogs. gross	2 50
232	Ploughs and separate or spare parts of the same, spades, scythes, and other implements for agricultural purposes and for levelling ...	" "	1 65
233	Iron barrels, empty	" "	3 30
234	Cable of iron or steel wire	" "	1 10
235	Iron piping up to 15 cm. in internal diameter, even tinned	" "	2 50
236	Iron piping more than 15 cm. in internal diameter, even tinned	Kilog. gross	0 01
237	Iron piping coated with bronze, brass, copper, or white metal	" "	0 06

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No.	Articles.	Unit.	Duty.
			Pesos. cts.
238	Ferro-manganese, containing 25 per cent. or more of manganese	100 kilogs. gross	1 50
239	Iron in ingots of first fusion, or in filings or scrap	Kilog. gross	0 02
240	Iron roughly wrought (bar) in ingots, and steel in ingots	100 kilogs. gross	2 50
241	Iron, round, square, flat, semi-circular rods, angle and T iron	Kilog. gross	0 06
242	Hoop iron	" "	0 08
243	Iron or steel in sheets, plain, not specified, corrugated iron and tiles for roofs (even painted or galvanised)... ..	100 kilogs. gross	6 60
244	Tin-plate, neither painted nor stamped, in sheets up to 55 cm. in length by 40 cm. in width	" "	1 10
245	Tin-plate in sheets, not specified, and tin-plate stamped, painted or varnished... ..	Kilog. gross	0 08
246	Steel springs for carts and carriages	" "	0 11
247	Posts, cross-bars and pegs of iron or steel, for aerial electric wires	" "	0 03
248	Rails of iron or steel for railways, weighing more than 10 kilogs. per lineal metre	" "	0 02
249	Rails of iron or steel for railways, weighing not more than 10 kilogs. per lineal metre, and discs, sleepers, bolts, keys and attachments for fixing rails	Kilog. gross	0 01
250	Beams and joists of iron or steel, not specially perforated or slotted	" "	0 03
251	Beams, joists and columns of iron or steel, specially perforated or slotted, frameworks, brackets, foundation plates for columns, connecting plates, braces with or without nuts, and other parts not specified, of iron or steel, for the construction of buildings... ..	" "	0 04
252	Wire of iron or steel covered with cotton, flax, wool, silk or paper	Kilog. legal	0 14
253	Manufactures not specified, of iron or steel, of tin-plate, of iron tinned, nickelled, covered with copper or brass, painted or galvanised with zinc, wholly or in part, when the weight of the article exceeds 10 kilogs.	" "	0 12
254	The same manufactures when the weight of the article does not exceed 10 kilogs.	" "	0 22
255	Manufactures of iron, enamelled, not specified	" "	0 30
256	Chains of iron when the of the links is of a diameter not less than No. 5 Birmingham gauge	" "	0 11
257	Nails, tacks, screws, bolts, nuts and rivets of iron or steel, not specified	" "	0 12
258	Stoves of iron for kitchens or calorifères, not specified	" gross	0 08
259	Iron or steel rods, covered	" legal	0 22

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COSTA RICA.

The "Monthly Bulletin of the International Bureau of the American Republics" for June states that the Government of Costa Rica issued a Decree on the 25th April last, temporarily suspending the import duties on corn and beans. This suspension came into force on the 1st May, and will remain in force until the 31st December next.

Also that, by a Decree of the 20th May last, the import duties on the undermentioned articles have been altered as follows :—

	Duty per kilog. *Col. cts.
Commercial printed matter, such as memoranda, drafts, accounts, labels, &c.	0 25
<i>Note.</i> —These articles will not be subjected to the surtax of 50 per cent.	
Coloured paper for printing	0 05
White printing paper	Free.

The same publication also announces, on the authority of the "Limon Weekly News" for the 27th May, that, from the 1st August the duty on leaf tobacco will be levied at the rate of *1 colon 75 cents per kilog., in addition to wharfage charges, &c. This modification does not apply to "Iztepeque" tobacco, the importation of which is a Government monopoly.

* Colon (= 100 cents) = 1s. 11d.

PARAGUAY.

According to the "Review of River Plate" of 30th June, the Paraguayan Legislature has reduced the import duty on flour by 6 per cent., and abolished the import duty on wheat.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

EGYPT.

H.M. Consul at Port Said (Mr. D. A. Cameron) reports that on 1st January, 1906, the maximum draught for vessels using the Suez Canal will be raised to 27 feet (8 metres 23 centims.), and on the same date the tariff for laden ships will be reduced to 7 fr. 75 c.). (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,448.)

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RUSSIA.

The British Consular Agent at Ghenitchesk (Mr. P. G. Costalá) reports that last year a commission, consisting of Government engineers, surveyed the harbour and roadstead, and he is now informed on good authority that the Russian Government have sanctioned the construction of the new port, the sum of 800,000 roubles (84,200*l.*) having been assigned for that purpose. The work is to commence during this summer by dredging a channel to 21 feet, from Beriutch Spit, straight into the harbour, where piers will be built so as to allow steamers to come into port and load alongside. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,447.)

RUSSIA—GERMANY.

With reference to the notice on p. 165 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th October, 1904, the Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, an extract from a despatch from H.M. Consul-General at Warsaw (Mr. A. P. Murray), reporting that the long delayed opening of through communication between the Russian and German railway systems at Herby (near Czenstochowa) took place on 15th July. This, says the Consul-General, will give a considerable fillip to industry at Czenstochowa as it will considerably shorten the transport of goods between Germany and Russia which have now to go round by Sosnowice, but will not attain its full effect until the distance, Czenstochowa-Herby, which is at present narrow gauge, is made the same gauge as the Warsaw-Vienna and Prussian railway systems, which are both what is known as the Central European gauge. Goods now have to be transloaded at Herby and again at Czenstochowa.

The junction of the Prussian and Russian systems at Kalisz is also in hand, and will be ready by the autumn.

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FRANCE.

H.M. Consul at Cherbourg (Mr. M. E. Loftus) draws the attention of shipmasters to the fact that certain parts of Cherbourg roads are prohibited ground for mooring or anchoring, and masters of British vessels are warned to consult the British Admiralty charts where such forbidden anchorage is marked. The neglect of these regulations will in many cases lead to the loss of anchors. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,440.*)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) has forwarded an extract from the New York "Tribune" reviewing the report of Mr. J. L. Bristow, Special Panama Railroad Commissioner, who has recently concluded an exhaustive study of the commercial conditions surrounding the Panama Railway, a careful investigation of its contracts with the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. and the general needs of Trans-Isthmian commerce.

Mr. Bristow recommends that the Government continue to conduct the Panama Railway as a common carrier, improving its facilities for transporting commerce to the utmost, and that the monopoly hitherto enjoyed by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company be abolished.

Referring to the possibilities of the development of commerce across the isthmus, Mr. Bristow says:—

"It appears that over 100,000 tons of Hawaiian sugar are unloaded annually from ships at San Francisco and transported across the continent to Galveston by rail and re-shipped by steamer to New York. If proper facilities existed on the Isthmus for dealing with this freight, it certainly would be cheaper to ship it direct from Hawaii to Panama, and from there to New York."

CHINA.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 472 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th March last, a despatch, received at the Foreign Office from the Acting British Consul at Kongmoon (Mr. R. T. Tebbitt) notifies that the revised West River Regulations have been accepted and sanctioned. In consequence, steamers from Hong Kong for Samshui and beyond were authorised on and from 1st May last to proceed direct from Hong Kong to Samshui, if so desired, without going first to Kongmoon for a West River permit. This, adds the Acting Consul, is the only material alteration in the new regulations, and it concedes all that has been asked for by the shipping companies.

**Revised
West River
Regulations
in force.**

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

SWEDEN.

H.M. Consul at Gothenburg (Mr. J. Duff) reports that the manufacture of peat fuel in Sweden has of late years received increased attention, and **Peat fuel Industry.** has enjoyed the care of both Government and Parliament, who for the purpose of encouraging and furthering the industry, have granted considerable sums. At the same time the interest in this industry has become general, and new peat factories have been established in different parts of the country. While the present high rates of carriage prevail peat cannot possibly compete with other fuel, except in the immediate vicinity of the place of production, and this will certainly act disadvantageously towards a more general adoption of this otherwise excellent fuel.

Peat has been used on the State locomotives during the past year on an extensive scale for the goods trains of some districts, the peat having been mixed with equal quantities by weight of British coal. During the latter part of the year the railway authorities purchased, after inviting tenders, 9,300 tons of peat fuel to be delivered at different locomotive stations.

On the other hand the British Vice-Consul at Åhus (Mr. E. A. Borg) reports that strenuous endeavours are being made to find a substitute for the ever-increasing requirements of fuel, but hitherto without satisfactory success. Thus, the country has to look towards the United Kingdom for its supply of fuel, which continues to be imported in increasing quantities. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,450.*)

GERMANY.

The following figures of the production, imports and exports of coal and coke, &c., in Germany, are taken from the recent report of H.M. Consul-General at Frankfort-on-Main (Mr. F. Oppenheimer):—

							1903.	1904.
							Tons.	Tons.
Production—								
Coal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	116,664,376	120,694,098
Brown coal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48,955,558	48,500,222
Coke ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,509,259	12,331,168
Briquettes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,476,170	11,413,467
Imports—								
Coal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,766,513	7,299,042
Coke ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	432,819	550,302
Exports—								
Coal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,389,984	17,996,726
Coke ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,523,351	2,716,855

(*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,445.*)

YARNS AND TEXTILES.

ITALY.

H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) reports that according to a table published in "Il Sole," the value of

Silk Exports. Italian exports of silk and silk goods in 1904 reached the sum of 573,352,480 lire, as compared with 535,270,109 lire in the preceding year. The following table shows the quantities of the various descriptions exported:—

	1903.	1904.
Cocoons Quintals	2,069	2,641
Silk reeled, raw, p'ain, doubled or thrown	74,738	79,761
Waste silk "	28,228	24,550
Schappe "	13,067	15,271
Sewing silk Kilos.	8,803	18,320
Tissues and other manufactured silk goods "	1,058,103	1,204,303

Trade has therefore, says the Consul, recovered from the stagnation period of the first six months of 1904. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,454.*)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. A. Salvani) reports that the "Austrian Commercial Union Orient" of Vienna has induced the Austrian Commercial Museum to open a commercial school for textile manufactures. The export of textile goods from Austria-Hungary to Egypt and to the Balkan States is still a flourishing trade. Should the Customs separation between Austria and Hungary take place, the export of textile goods from Austria into the Balkan States will, it is expected, certainly increase.

The value of textile goods exported from Austria-Hungary during 1904 was as follows:—

To—	Value.
	£
Egypt	346,125
Bulgaria	215,040
Greece	128,833
Montenegro	17,875
Roumania	710,708
Servia	874,375
Turkey	996,917

AGRICULTURE. UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 29th July, 1905, were as follows:—

Wheat	32s. 3d.
Barley	23s. 11d.
Oats	19s. 3d.

For further particulars see p. 233.

A statement is published on p. 234, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 29th July, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

WEIHAIWEI.

The report for 1904 on Weihaiwei states that, on the advice of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department, Hong Kong, the services of a trained fruit-grower—Mr. Gibbons—were obtained. After a visit to the German leased territory at Kaiochou and to the Chinese treaty port of Chefoo, both of which are situated in the same province as Weihaiwei, and at the latter of which fruit culture has been carried on successfully for many years, he is of opinion that, as the soil and situation at Weihaiwei compare favourably with those of the places mentioned, there is no reason why fruit should not be cultivated successfully there. Fruit trees of many varieties have been obtained from home, and it is hoped that the experiments now being made may ultimately result in Weihaiwei becoming a centre for the supply of Shanghai and other places, where there is always a great demand for fruit.

RUSSIA—FINLAND.

H.M. Consul at Helsingfors (Mr. C. J. Cooke) forwards the following report (dated 21st July) on the state of crops in Finland:—Rye is good throughout the country and promises an early harvest. The crop of oats is good or at least average, except in the southern parts, where it is thin, suffering from drought. Barley has, in the southern and western parts, suffered from drought and is consequently sparse; in other parts it promises well. Wheat, of which very little is grown, promises an average crop. Pasturage is average and suffers somewhat from insects. Potatoes so far promise well. Meadows are, as a rule, average. Clover has passed the winter very well in most parts. Sown grass is generally good, but in some southern parts thin, owing to drought.

The growth in general is considered to be fairly good in East and Central Finland. In the south and west of the country, the drought has retarded the growth, and even done harm. Rain is much wanted.

Agriculture.

ITALY.

The following particulars of the silk cocoon crop of Italy of this year are extracted from a report by H.M. Silk Cocoon Crop Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey):—
of 1905.

The cocoon crop of 1905 suffered from heavy rains in May and continued dampness during almost the whole period of the rearing of the silkworm, especially in its early stages, and it is estimated that the shortage in the crop is about 20 per cent. below the normal average. The quantity of eggs placed in incubation was about the average. Hatching began somewhat earlier, but the worms were still young when the fine weather ceased, and rainy weather followed, lasting nearly all the month of May. In June the weather improved, and somewhat lessened the destructive effects of the previous month, the result being a larger crop than the producers had dared hoped for. The official figures of the total yield of cocoons are not yet known, but it is estimated at 33,000,000 kilogs., as compared with a yield in 1904 of 42,743,000 kilogs. It was generally anticipated that the yield of silk from the cocoons would be bad, but spinners were agreeably surprised to find that with some exceptions it turned out better than they had expected.

BRAZIL.

From a communication which has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from Rubber Export, H.M. Consul at Pará (Mr. W. A. Churchill), it appears that 33,101 tons of rubber (estimated value 15,000,000*l.*) were exported from Pará and Manaus during the 12 months ended 30th June, 1905, as compared with 30,533 tons (estimated value 11,000,000*l.*) during the preceding 12 months. These figures include direct shipments from Iquitos (Peru) and Serpa (State of Amazonas).

ARGENTINA.

The First Secretary to H.M. Legation at Buenos Ayres (Mr. F. Harford) reports that the export of cotton from Argentina reached 260 tons in 1904, as against 42 and 28 tons respectively in 1903 and 1902. There are large districts in the semi-tropical northern territory of that country, especially in the Chaco, which are very suitable for cotton cultivation, but the labour problem presents difficulties. A mill to extract oil from cotton seed has been lately established at Resistencia, in the Chaco. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 8,434.*)

MISCELLANEOUS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 27th July, 1905, **Cotton Statistics** was 59,143 (including 97 bales British West Indian), and the number imported during the 30 weeks ended the 27th July was 2,481,254 (including 3,584 bales British West Indian and 1,899 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 27th July, 1905, 5,803 bales, and for the 30 weeks, 246,284.

For further details see p. 233.

ITALY.

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" (Rome) of 20th July states that Professor Majorana, a leading official in the office of the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, has been instructed to visit the chief European countries, with a view to preparing for the Italian Government a report on the organisation of the telegraph systems at work.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

A despatch received from the Acting British-Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari) states that the "Vienna Permanent Commission for Export Trade" has just published a Report of great importance. This has been compiled by some of the most eminent specialists in the different branches of industry. The report for 1904 is divided into 20 sections, and besides giving the results obtained, gives also an opinion as to which branches of industry could be possibly developed.

Regarding the commercial movement of Austria last year, Mr. Salvari says that the grain trade has been unsatisfactory; the import, increasing by 2,208,333*l.*, whilst the export decreased by 2,083,333*l.* Cotton and cotton goods were an unsteady market; the Austrian cotton goods exporters having to compete keenly with Italian and German manufactures. The export of linen goods has been important. The sheep wool industry suffered somewhat on account of the increase in the price of raw material. The silk goods industry was at the commencement of the year in an unpromising condition, but improved, however, towards the end. The paper industry shows a most flourishing development. The wax industry has not been satisfactory, and the leather industry has also not been particularly good. Timber has been continually improving. The home consumption of iron has been considerable. The machinery industry has suffered, especially the manufacture of locomotive engines.

*Miscellaneous.***URUGUAY.**

The following tables, showing the value of the foreign trade of Uruguay in 1904, are taken from the "Montevideo Times" of the 17th June, enclosed in a recent despatch to the Foreign Office, from H.M. Minister-Resident and Consul-General at Montevideo (Mr. Walter Baring). Figures for the two preceding years have been added for purposes of comparison:—

Imports.

	1902.	1903.	1904.
	Dollars.*	Dollars.*	Dollars.*
Drinks in general	1,990,367	1,786,176	1,367,994
Comestibles, cereals and spices	5,048,319	4,833,518	5,116,380
Tobacco and cigars	208,909	252,229	267,204
Soft goods and materials	4,511,764	5,078,362	3,579,490
Ready-made clothing	1,055,256	1,179,783	718,235
Raw material and machinery	7,846,662	8,162,091	7,156,082
Various	2,554,393	2,845,384	2,066,528
Live-stock	801,677	966,423	944,776
Total	23,517,347	25,103,966	21,216,689

Exports.

	1902.	1903.	1904.
	Dollars.*	Dollars.*	Dollars.*
Live-stock	611,945	859,648	995,216
Slaughter-house products	29,737,992	33,832,374	34,848,300
Agricultural products	2,458,827	1,921,441	1,966,666
Other products	603,972	525,621	711,586
Various articles	37,614	18,587	6,969
Provisions for vessels	152,162	160,238	197,430
Total	33,602,512	37,317,909	38,456,167

* Uruguayan dollar = 4s. 3½d. (about).

Mr. Baring writes:—"The greatest falling off in imports is under the head of 'soft goods and materials,' and amounts to about 320,000*l*. when compared with the returns of the previous year. This is to be explained by the complete stagnation of all business in the provinces, where, on account of the disturbed state of the country, local dealers allowed their stocks to become depleted.

"The same causes no doubt affected the imports of 'raw material and machinery.' As regards 'ready-made clothing,' the diminution, which amounts to nearly 100,000*l*., may be accounted for partly by the revolution and partly by increased local production.

"The exports in 1904 amounted to 38,456,167 *dols.* (8,084,000*l*.), and the satisfactory returns may be accounted for by a first-rate wool clip, accompanied by high prices."

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 30 Weeks ended 27th July, 1905 :—

	Week ended 27th July, 1905.	30 Weeks ended 27th July, 1905.	Week ended 27th July, 1905.	30 Weeks ended 27th July, 1905.
	IMPORTS. (Bales.)		EXPORTS. (Bales.)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
American	52,652	2,088,803	4,428	172,854
Brasilian	8,116	39,821	—	549
East Indian	101	32,834	734	8,769
Egyptian	—	278,122	572	61,372
Miscellaneous	3,274*	41,674†	69	2,740
Total	59,143	2,481,254	5,803	246,284

* Including 97 bales British West Indian.

† Including 3,584 bales British West Indian and 1,899 bales British West African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 29th July, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	Average Price.					
	Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Week ended 29th July, 1905	32	3	23	11	19	3
Corresponding week in—						
1898	35	7	26	11	20	7
1899	24	10	20	9	18	0
1900	28	10	23	10	19	4
1901	27	6	23	1	20	0
1902	31	8	25	0	22	10
1903	28	11	21	0	18	6
1904	28	0	19	9	17	10

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 29th July, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

		Week ended 29th July, 1905.	Correspond- ing Week in 1904.
Animals, living:—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number.	10,417	12,600
Sheep and lambs	"	1,855	3,466
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	182	623
Fresh Meat:—			
Beef	Cwts.	76,064	40,752
Mutton	"	46,887	93,923
Pork	"	2,955	2,057
Salted or preserved meat:—			
Bacon	Cwts.	120,989	121,212
Beef	"	2,481	2,252
Hams	"	42,068	35,114
Pork	"	4,782	5,446
Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh	"	10,582	12,601
Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... ..	"	11,774	17,923
Dairy produce and substitutes:—			
Butter	Cwts.	85,798	86,700
Margarine	"	16,717	16,894
Cheese	"	78,880	89,105
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	45
" cream	"	84	140
" condensed	"	18,541	14,170
" preserved, other kinds... ..	"	70	338
Eggs	Grt. Hndr.	422,266	414,665
Poultry	Value £	2,546	6,723
Game	"	21	1,398
Rabbits, dead (not tinned)	Cwts.	788	1,809
Lard	"	81,696	49,018
Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—			
Wheat	Cwts.	2,864,600	1,808,900
Wheat meal and flour	"	141,600	257,600
Barley	"	217,700	586,700
Oats	"	554,100	252,300
Peas	"	106,056	36,670
Beans	"	12,630	50,270
Maize or Indian corn	"	650,700	1,140,900
Fruit, raw:—			
Apples	Cwts.	12,758	13,640
Apricots and peaches	"	1,676	461
Bananas	Bunches.	174,020	90,016
Cherries	Cwts.	4,046	7,349
Currants... ..	"	6,708	7,141
Gooseberries	"	48	870
Grapes	"	17,837	22,873
Lemons	"	15,859	17,810
Oranges	"	4,518	6,475
Pears	"	11,612	21,749
Plums	"	51,520	64,203
Strawberries	"	—	56
Unenumerated	"	88,782	64,837
Hay... ..	Tons.	2,906	3,753
Straw	"	2,228	1,983
Moss Litter. (Not shown in 1904)	"	1,800	—
Hops	Cwts.	155	389
Locust Beans	"	562	16,899
Vegetables, raw:—			
Onions	Bushels.	161,688	166,479
Potatoes	Cwts.	25,850	106,440
Tomatoes	"	40,705	49,457
Unenumerated	Value £	9,669	5,685
Vegetables, dried	Cwts.	841	4,655
Preserved by canning... ..	"	2,695	1,201

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of June, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. for the first, and 4s. 3d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the July issue:—State of the Labour Market in June; Eight hour day in Government Workshops; German Labour Colonies in 1904; Coal Mining in 1904; Pauperism, 1877-1905; Recent Conciliation and Arbitration Cases, and Relief of the Unemployed in June.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the *Annual Series* issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

ANNUAL.

No. 3,454. Trade of Lombardy for 1904.

Steady development in trade has been maintained during the year; but certain industries have been affected by the war in the Far East.

Details of some industries in the province of Milan.

Silk industry and cocoon crop in 1904.

Remarkable development in the utilisation of water power.

Milan Bankers' Clearing House statistics.

Statistics of imports and exports.

Government Publications.

No. 3,455. Trade of Swatow for 1904.

No trade developments calling for special comment.

Remarks on imports of cotton goods, yarn and opium.

Concession for railway to

Chaochou Fu granted to a Chinese merchant: the construction is being carried out by a Japanese syndicate.

No. 3,456. Finances of German Empire for 1905.

Changes effected by the Finance Law of May, 1904.

Tables of revenue and expenditure in 1904 and 1905.

General financial situation; question of new Imperial taxes. Colonial estimates.

No. 3,457. Trade of Nagasaki for 1904.

General review of foreign trade in 1903.

Shipping statistics: details

of principal lines visiting the port.

Effects of the war on trade. Import and export returns.

No. 3,458. Trade of Consular District of Malaga for 1904.

Steady increase in exports; more especially of olive oil, almonds, green fruit and raisins.

Details of Alcohol Trust.

This publication also contains reports from Aguilas, Almeria, Carthagena, Garrucha, Granada, Linares, Marbella, Puerto de Mazarron and Porman.

Causes of reduction in rate of exchange.

Proposed new local railways and electrification of tramways.

No. 3,459. Trade of Beirut and Coast of Syria for 1904.

The year was the most prosperous on record for both commerce and navigation.

Details of imports: those from Great Britain take the lead.

Effect of Homs-Hama railway on trade of Beirut and Tripoli.

Trade and shipping returns.

This publication also contains reports from Tripoli, Sidon, Safed, and Haifa.

No. 3,460. Trade of Barcelona for 1904.

General remarks on trade.

Details of coal and machinery imports.

Establishment of two new

industries: brewery and motor works.

Progress in port works.

Trade and shipping returns.

This publication also contains reports from Alicante, Burriana and Castellon, Denia, Gandia, Port Mahon, Palma, San Feliu de Guixols, Tarragona, and Valencia.

*Government Publications.***No. 3,461. Trade of Uruguay for 1903 (Supplementary).**

Completion of trade statistics of 1903.

Remarks on chief imports and exports.

Comparative table of imports and exports, with average figures for the years 1898-1902.

No. 3,462. Trade of Corsica for 1904.

No signs of improvement in economic condition: trade and commerce continue to flag.

Steps to be taken to attract visitors.

Projected port works.

Details of trade with United Kingdom.

Returns of shipping at Ajaccio and Bastia.

No. 3,463. Trade of Dutch Guiana for 1904.

Trade hampered by small-pox epidemic in British Guiana.

Introduction of banana cultivation.

Construction of railway to open up gold mining districts.

New shipping lines.

Trade and shipping statistics.

No. 3,464. Trade of Chiengmai for 1904.

Statistics of exports to Burma.

Decrease in export of teak.

Proposed establishment of a British banking agency.

Probable construction of new roads and bridges.

This publication also contains reports from Lakon, Chiengrai and Nan.

No. 3,465. Trade of Chile for 1904.

Partial details of trade in 1904.

Industry has been flourishing, owing to the high prices ruling in Europe for nitrate, wool and copper.

Effect on shipping of new lighthouse and beacon dues.

Remarkable increase in com-

pany promotion: list of companies whose statutes were approved in 1904.

Table giving name and mileage of the railways in Chile, both Government and private.

Increasing demand for hydro-electric plant.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Report to the Board of Trade on the North-West of Canada, with special reference to Wheat Production for Exportation. [Cl. 2,628.] Price 5s. 5d.

This report contains the results of investigations undertaken by Professor Mavor, who holds the Chair of Political Economy in the University of Toronto, into the existing conditions and future prospects of wheat-growing in the North-West of Canada for export to the United Kingdom. Exhaustive details are given as to the physical conditions and climate of the region referred to, the characteristics and aptitudes of the population, and the sources

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from which future immigrants will probably be drawn. A number of other questions are also dealt with, such as facilities of transportation and storage, and the system of marketing grain. The report further summarises and examines certain estimates which have been made of the possible area of wheat cultivation in North-West Canada, and of the amount of wheat which would be available for export if all this area were devoted to such cultivation. The letterpress is supplemented by a number of maps, charts, and statistical diagrams.

Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, 1904. Vol. II. [Cd. 2,626.] Price 4s. 3d.

This is the second volume of the Annual Statement of Trade, the first volume having been noticed on p. 520 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 15th June. This volume contains statements of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country and British Possession during the years 1900-1904, and of the imports and exports at each British port during the same period, as well as accounts of transshipment, warehousing, and goods passing in transit.

Bankruptcy. Twenty-second General Annual Report by the Board of Trade under Section 131 of the Bankruptcy Act, 1883. 250. Price 8d.

This report shows that in England and Wales in 1904, there were 4,546 receiving orders issued, the total amount of liabilities being estimated at 6,961,836*l.*, and the assets at 2,803,594*l.* The number of deeds of arrangements was 4,085, liabilities being estimated at 5,124,521*l.*, and assets at 2,966,743*l.* Compared with the figures of 1903 there has been an increase of 723 in the total number of failures, and of 2,411,075*l.* in the amount of liabilities in bankruptcy and under deeds of arrangement.

The report contains statistics of bankruptcy and deeds of arrangement, and a report by the solicitor to the Board of Trade upon legal proceedings conducted by him under the Bankruptcy Acts, 1883 and 1890.

Companies (Winding-up). Fourteenth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade. 245. Price 5d.

This report deals with the proceedings of the Board of Trade under the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890, during the year 1904. In that year winding-up proceedings were commenced in the case of 1,600 companies, the total amount of capital involved being 54,843,476*l.* Statistics of winding-up proceedings during the period 1895 to 1904, and a report by the Solicitor to the Board of Trade upon legal proceedings conducted by him under the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890, are included as annexes to the report.

THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade (No. 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.) is intended to be a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest shall be collected and focussed in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of British trade permit, replies shall be given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters.

On application being made to it either personally or by letter, the Branch supplies, so far as is possible, information with regard to the following subjects, viz.: Commercial Statistics; Matters relating to Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations; Lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities; Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender; Sources of Supply, Prices, &c., of Trade Products; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers, &c., &c. There is a Sample Room at the offices of the Branch, where, in addition to samples illustrative of reports of H.M. Consuls or of the Correspondents or Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade, specimens of special interest that may be received from the Imperial Institute, India, or the Colonies, &c., are exhibited from time to time.

The "Board of Trade Journal" is the principal medium through which intelligence collected by the Commercial Intelligence Branch, and intended for general information, is conveyed to the public. The "Journal" is now issued weekly at the price of 1d. All applications respecting subscription, or the purchase of single copies, should be addressed in London to Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; in Edinburgh to Messrs. Oliver & Boyd; and in Dublin to Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street. Copies may also be obtained from Messrs. G. Street & Co., Ltd., 30, Cornhill, E.C.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.—In consequence of the transfer of the Imperial Institute to the Board of Trade from the beginning of 1903, the work formerly carried on by the Commercial Intelligence Office of the Imperial Institute is now conducted by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

Among the branches of work now carried on by the Imperial Institute at South Kensington are the scientific investigation of the economic products of the British Empire with a view to their commercial utilisation, and the superintendence of the arrangement and classification of the Collection of these products which is exhibited at the Institute. From time to time samples and specimens of raw and manufactured products will be shown in the sample room at 73, Basinghall Street.

The "Imperial Institute Bulletin," issued quarterly, contains information and reports bearing on the work carried out in the Imperial Institute at South Kensington.

March, 1905.

SPECIAL INDIAN AND COLONIAL TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES.

India.—The India Trade Enquiry Office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., has been established for the purpose of supplying the general public with all available information as to the commercial products, manufactures and trades of British India.

The office is under the superintendence of an India Office official, who is in daily attendance to answer personal or written enquiries.

The current publications of the Government of India dealing with Indian Trade statistics, tariff charges, railways, economic products, &c., are kept in the office, and can be consulted free: the various Indian Directories are also filed.

Canada.—The Canadian Government have secured premises at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where an office has been opened under the designation of "Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Branch," for the convenience of the commercial community.

In due course it is intended to equip and maintain a display room, illustrating the products, resources and manufactures of the Dominion. In the meantime, a Canadian representative attends daily to deal with enquiries and applications in connection with Canadian import and export trade, and to supply information about Canadian matters generally. Personal appointments can be arranged when desired.

Cape of Good Hope.—The Government of the Cape of Good Hope have opened offices at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the purpose of a Commercial Agency for that Colony, which will be under the direction of the Agent-General for the Cape of Good Hope.

Mr. Lewis Atkinson, who has been appointed Commercial Agent, attends daily to deal with enquiries on all Commercial and Trade matters connected with Cape Colony.

Queensland.—For the convenience of the commercial community in the City of London, the Agent-General for Queensland has opened a branch office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where a representative attends daily to give information to enquirers regarding trade, mining, and all other matters in connection with Queensland.

A Reading Room will also be provided in which maps, directories, statutes, Government reports, and other publications of the State can be seen.

March, 1905.

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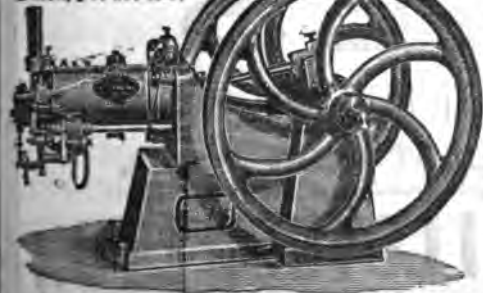
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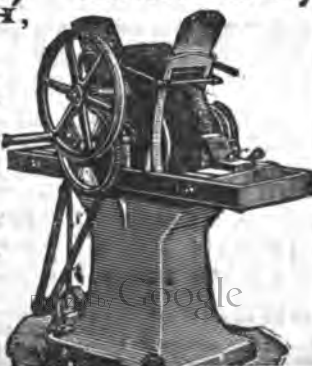
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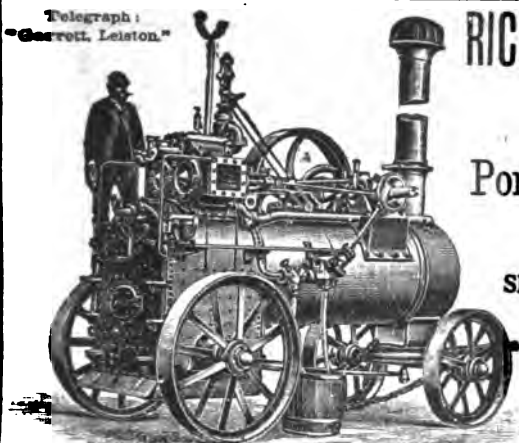
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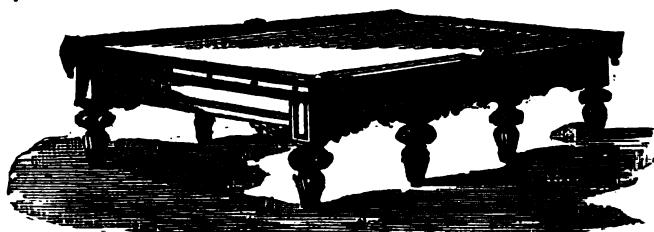
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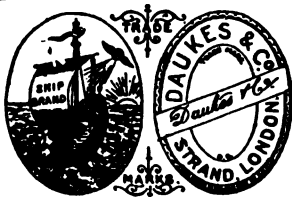
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The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 287.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 288.

OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

BRITISH INDIA.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of—

**Railway
Material and
Cement.**

1. Steel flat-footed rails and fishplates.
2. Built-up crossings and switches.
3. Portland cement.

as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C.

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Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Flat-footed Rails and Fishplates," or as the case may be, not later than noon on Wednesday, the 16th August.

The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

MALTA.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the Receiver-General and Director of Contracts, Valletta, up to 11 a.m. on Friday, the 25th August, for the supply of:—

**Refuse
Destructor:
Wrought-Iron
Casements.**

1. Refuse destructor for the Poor House.
2. Wrought-iron casements for windows.

Tenders are to be accompanied by a deposit of 5*l.* for (1) and 50*l.* for (2), to be made in the office of the Crown Agents by tenderers residing in Great Britain, not having a representative in Malta, and in the office of the Receiver-General by local tenderers.

The Government do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

Particulars, specifications, &c., may be obtained on application to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

RUSSIA.

The following further particulars of openings for British trade in Russia, extracted from the recent report of H.M. Consul at Moscow (Mr. H. M. Grove), are in continuation of those published on pp. 195-7 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

"Though some of the local Russian firms turn out excellent china-ware, still there is a certain amount imported annually, and a fair amount of British goods are to be seen in the best local shops. The high prices asked for British goods would seem to be the main obstacle to the increase of the business, as Russians are usually very pleased when they can purchase British goods. Local taste, demands and customs must be borne in mind in catering for this market, as various shapes, forms and sizes are in use and demand in Russia which are not usually necessary on the home market. . . .

"Owing to the employment of tiles for the stoves (which are in use in nearly all Russian houses), for paving halls, &c., there is a very great demand for these articles. Though mainly supplied by local manufacture, still a certain amount is imported, and I have seen samples and patterns of foreign wares in various shops. . . .

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RUSSIA—*continued.*

Phonographs and Gramophones. “A considerable business is done in both phonographs and gramophones. Since my last report several new shops have been opened dealing almost exclusively in them. Songs, &c., should be prepared in various languages. . . .

Photographic Chemicals. “There is a steady demand for all chemicals connected with photography. . . .

Soaps and Scents. “As regards soaps and scents the cheaper sorts are manufactured in Russia, there being several Russian and French firms established locally, Poland also sending a very large supply to the local market. . . .

“Apparently the only sorts of British makes imported are the more expensive and best sorts, hence the demand is fairly limited. However, British makes are to be found in all the good shops, and the demand, though not great, seems to be steady, though the high prices asked naturally confine purchasers to the wealthy classes. As the import from France and Germany is so very much greater, I should fancy that, notwithstanding the duty, foreigners find that they can compete favourably with local manufacturers even in the cheaper class of goods, hence presumably British manufacturers could do the same. Russians are very fond of scents, and the market is a very large one. It would seem to be solely the very high prices of the British makes that limit their sale, their excellence being universally admitted.

Tea. “There is a very fair demand for Ceylon and Indian teas, though apparently only the name ‘Ceylon tea’ is recognised on the local market. The war naturally interfered with the import *via* the Siberian railway, and so it had mainly to enter by the European ports, where it is subjected to the recently instituted increased duty, which may account for the smaller amount imported. The tea is almost universally imported in chests and made up into packets by the large dealers, who are supervised by the excise officials. I doubt whether British firms would find it pay to export their own packets of tea to Russia. There would be increased duty to pay on the wrappers, and also the public, I am given to understand, would look rather askance at new and foreign packets. . . .

Cutlery. “Of a total import of cutlery in 1902 of 600,000 roubles, Germany sent 450,000 roubles, Finland 80,000 roubles, and the United Kingdom 8,000 roubles. German makes, with the wording on blades, &c., in English, are often taken for British makes. I have not seen any

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RUSSIA—continued.

British goods except in locally established British shops and the prices are very high. Krupp and Solingen goods at moderate prices are to be seen everywhere—hence the large share of Germany in the imports.

“ A very large business is done in clocks and watches. I had various enquiries for British catalogues, which I procured. I have since learned that the English language and coinage proved too great an ordeal, and the orders all went elsewhere. The accuracy of first class British makes is so well known that those who desire a really good article would like to procure a British make, but the supply of such is locally so limited that there is virtually little choice. . . . In despatching goods, works and cases had better be sent separately, as they thus get through the Customs somewhat cheaper.

“ The import of fruit of all sorts is very large, amounting in 1902 to nearly 15,000,000 roubles. . . . There would seem to be no reason why the British possessions and colonies should not contribute to this market. Canned fruits are now being consumed in increasing quantities, and dried fruits, &c., also have a large sale. Not very much is done in this line in Russia itself, though some of the local firms—Moscow being a great confectionery centre—have small establishments in the Crimea for preserving fruit, making jams, &c. . . .

“ There should be an opening for straw hats, which are largely worn in the summer. The favourite shapes seem to be the Homburg hat and the sailor hat, but Panamas of various sorts also have a considerable sale. In straw hats the largest contributors are Italy and Austria-Hungary. The Russian prefers a light straw—heavy makes find no sale. . . .

“ In the surveying and optical instrument line again, with a total import of nearly 2,000,000 roubles per annum, a good four-fifths comes from Germany and about one-thirtieth from the United Kingdom. Here also the British catalogue has much to answer for.” (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,441.*)

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BELGIUM.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of 6th August contains a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened

Railway Plant. on 13th September, for the construction of a railway between Meirelbeke and Herzele, at the estimated cost of 267,829 frs. (about 10,713*l.*). A deposit of 26,000 fr. (about 1,040*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders, in sealed envelopes, addressed to "M. le Directeur-Général, Société Nationale de Chemins de Fer Vicinaux, 14 rue de la Science, Brussels," should be delivered not later than the 12th September. Plans, specifications, &c., may be inspected at the above address. A copy of the specifications will be forwarded on payment of one franc.

SPAIN.

H.M. Consul at Malaga (Mr. J. G. Haggard) reports that in view of the increasing amount of attention which is being drawn to the importance of the use of chemical manures on a much larger scale in Spain, it is only reasonable to suppose that agriculturists will be larger buyers than heretofore, and British manufacturers will probably find it worth their while to give some special attention to the Malaga market. Their Continental competitors are already doing so. Whilst imports from the United Kingdom under this head were slightly smaller in 1904 than in the previous years those from Germany and France showed a considerable increase.

In the same report, Mr. Haggard states that the works in connection with two narrow-gauge railways of some importance, which have been in contemplation for some years, will probably be commenced during 1905. One of these lines will run from Malaga to Torre del Mar and Velez-Malaga (population 23,000), a distance of some 21 miles along the coast to the east, and will find its chief source of revenue in the conveyance of considerable quantities of sugar, oil, raisins and almonds which are produced in that district. The other line, of 20½ miles, for which a concession was granted in March last, will connect with Malaga the important fruit districts, of which Alhaurin el Grande and Coin are the centres. The capital of the company formed to work these lines (Compañía de los Ferro-carriles Suburbanos de Malaga) has been subscribed chiefly in Belgium. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,458.*)

H.M. Consul-General at Barcelona (Mr. J. F. Roberts), in his report on the trade of that district in 1904, says

Machine Tools. that in machine tools there has been a falling-off in the British makes due to local competition,

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SPAIN—*continued.*

and also to the fact that Germany now comes forward more frequently as a competitor. Though German tools are admittedly inferior both in design and construction, they find a ready sale owing to lower prices and very active pushing of the articles, for there are several establishments dedicated exclusively to the sale of German goods of this kind, and all the more usual tools are kept in stock ready for immediate delivery.

Mr. Roberts also states that electrical machinery and apparatus find a very considerable market there, and many foreign houses having offices and warehouses in Barcelona do a large trade.

**Electrical
Machinery and
Apparatus.**

Owing to the heavy duty on leather belting, that in use is almost exclusively of local manufacture, though for first-class qualities British raw material in the form of leather belts, laces, copper wire and rivets is employed.

Leather Belting.

Woven belting is being manufactured in the country to a limited extent, but so far the manufacturers do not seem to be able to finish it properly, as the paint, varnish or other preparation employed to render it waterproof and as a preservative, being a trade secret, is not easily obtainable. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,460.)

Attention is called to the extract from the report of the British Vice-Consul at Almeria which appears on p. 274, relative to mining appliances in connection with the increased production of zinc ore.

**Mining
Appliances.**

With reference to the Decree noted on p. 199 of last week's "Board of Trade Journal" sanctioning certain expenditure on relief works in Spain, the "Gaceta de Madrid" of 1st August publishes a detailed list of the works in the provinces of Badajoz, Cádiz, Córdoba, Jaén, Málaga, Seville and Huelva, to which 2,950,000 pesetas (about 88,805*l.*), being a portion of the total sum provided for, is to be devoted.

**Road-making
Materials.**

The "Gaceta" may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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ITALY.

H.M. Consul-General at Genoa (Mr. W. Keene) reports that the long-promised harbour improvements at Spezia have not made much progress, neither have any cranes been erected. These, the Vice-Consul at Spezia states, are much required, as the means of dealing with general cargoes is at present inadequate. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,446.*)

Cranes.

ROUMANIA.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" (Brussels) of 6th August states that tenders will be opened on 28th September at the Municipal Offices, Zulcea, for the installation of a drinking water supply and an electric lighting system in that town.

Waterworks: Electric Lighting.

OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

The Acting British Vice-Consul at Haifa (Mr. Pietro Abela) reports that the construction of the Haifa-Damascus Railway is proceeding on the other side of the Jordan River, and it is believed that the line will reach Damascus towards the end of this year or the beginning of the next.

When the railway is completed to Damascus there will be openings for many articles of British manufacture, and especially for oil engines for working flour mills and for irrigation purposes, as water is scarce in that district. Agricultural machinery will also undoubtedly find a good market. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,459.*)

Oil Engines and Agricultural Machinery.

The British Vice-Consul in the Island of Samos (Mr. G. D. L. Marc) reports that the carrying of the exported wine going to Germany and the Netherlands is at present in the hands of the Dutch Steamship Company "Stoomboot - Maatchapij," whose steamers call there twice a month. The freight is 1*l.* 10*s.* per ton, and, in the Vice-Consul's opinion, if a British company trading with the Levant were to arrange for one of their steamers to call at Samos once or twice a month a profitable business would result. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,467.*)

Wine-Carrying Trade from Samos.

MOROCCO.

The British Vice-Consul at Mogador (Mr. E. M. Madden) reports that the imports of sugar into that port last year were valued at 90,000*l.* On this subject, Mr. Madden writes:—

Sugar.

"As regards the large sugar trade (almost all French) it was stated in last year's report that it is regrettable the United

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Kingdom does not attempt to participate in it in any way, and that enquiries might with advantage be made about it. Only one request for information was, however, received at the Vice-Consulate on the matter."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have received from the Acting British Consul-General at New York (Mr. C. Clive Bayley), copy of a Notice (No. 259) issued from the office of the General Purchasing Officer at Washington for the Isthmian Canal Commission, calling for tenders for the supply of laundry machinery, iron pipe and pipe fittings, lead pipe, valves, &c.

Sealed tenders in triplicate addressed to the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on the 25th August.

Specifications and full information may be obtained from the General Purchasing Officer at Washington. A copy of the specification may be examined at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

In connection with the foregoing, attention is called to the article which appeared on pp. 593-4 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June.

CUBA.

The "Gaceta Oficial" of 18th July contains a Decree granting Señor Pablo Badell Laperena, the representative of the "Compañía Naviera de Santiago de Cuba," a concession for the construction of a wharf at Santiago, for the general use of the public.

The "Gaceta" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

CHILE.

The British Vice-Consul at Caldera (Mr. H. B. Beazley) reports that there was a movement last year in the import trade of that port in mining machinery, but the United States of America and Germany had the largest share of the business. This movement, he adds, will be more accentuated this present year. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,465.)

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CHILE—*continued.*

The British Vice-Consul at Talcahuano (Mr. A. Steel) reports that important harbour works are about to be initiated at that port. Among the articles which will be consumed on a large scale during the fulfilment of the contract are granite, stone and cement. Granite can be got close at hand in the port itself, or from a station on the main railway line some 50 miles inland, so that foreign granite could never compete owing to the cost of freight. There are already a number of British and German houses who bring out British, German and Belgian cement, but a quotation direct from the United Kingdom for quantities worth considering might find a market upon application to the person who holds the contract for the work.

Mr. Steel also reports that there is a good opening for British breeders of bulls and cows to do business at Talcahuano with local breeders. He adds, "There is a marked inclination to improve stocks by inter-breeding with British cattle, and I shall be only too pleased to furnish interested people with names of dealers here. Another good way would be to advertise in a Chilean newspaper, quoting prices placed on board in a British port." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,465.*)

GUATEMALA.

In his report for the year 1904, H.M. Consul at Guatemala (Mr. H. A. R. Hervey) writes:—"The water supply in Guatemala is extremely muddy, and if some simple and inexpensive apparatus could be devised, capable of rapid and easy adjustment on the ordinary taps, which would not clog too rapidly, and would yet free the water of its sediment sufficiently for ordinary domestic purposes, I think it should have a ready sale."

The Consul adds that about 340*l.* worth of filters of all sorts, chiefly from Germany, were imported last year.

The British Vice-Consul for Livingston and Puerto Barrios (Mr. J. Michovsky) remarks, in his report, that as banana culture is the most important branch of agriculture to be found on the Atlantic coast of Central America, it is a matter of some surprise that so far no one has tried to utilise the stalks of the banana tree after the fruit has been cut. These stalks are a mass of fibre, and as such must be excellent material for manufacturing ordinary wrapping paper, which no doubt would find a ready market in Guatemala, as there is no paper mill in the Republic. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,469.*)

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URUGUAY.

In a supplementary report on the trade of Uruguay for the year 1903, H.M. Consul at Monte Video (Mr. V. K.

Fencing Wire. Cornish) expresses the opinion that there is now an opportunity for the United Kingdom, which 10 to 12 years ago supplied practically the whole of the fencing wire used in the country, to recover the ground which she has lost; the improved demand is owing to the destruction of property in the Revolution of 1904. It may be added that the price of the article furnished by the United Kingdom and Germany is now about equal, whilst the quality of the article sent from the United Kingdom is the better of the two. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,461.*)

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS.**ITALY.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from the Acting British Consul-General at Genoa (Mr. R. G. Macbean), transmitting copy of the regulations of an international exhibition (called a "samples" exhibition) to be held there in the months of October to December next, under the Honorary Presidency of Professor Fasce, the Italian Under-Secretary of State for the Treasury.

The categories laid down for exhibits cover a wide field and are of such general classification as agriculture, industries, commerce, agricultural machinery, products of forest industry, agricultural products, advertisement, mechanics, manufactures, fine arts, graphic arts, hygiene and medical science, chemical and pharmaceutical products, provident arts, &c.

There are to be, moreover, special competitions in motor cycles, bicycles, export wines, electricity, typewriters, ante-malarial specialities, agricultural machinery, general packing and make up ("*confezionatura*") of goods.

In the case of articles involving too great expense of transport, designs, photographs, plans, models, &c., will be accepted if accompanied by accurate information and explanations.

The Acting Consul-General adds that he is authorised to say that the British Chamber of Commerce for Italy at Genoa will be happy to afford intending British exhibitors any assistance in its power.

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RUSSIA.

Referring to the notice on p. 298 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18th May, a despatch has been received from H.M. Consul at Kieff (Mr. H. P. Smith), forwarding some particulars of the exhibition of electro-technical goods which is to be held at Kieff in connection with a Congress of Russian Electro-Technical Engineers in April, 1906. The exhibition will be under the auspices of the Imperial Russian Technical Society and the Kieff Town Council, and will open on the 25th March/7th April, 1906, for a period of three months.

The following are the various sections under which exhibits can be made:—

1, boilers and other fittings; 2, machinery for electric generators; 3, electrical machinery; 4, electro-chemistry and electro-metallurgy; 5, electric lighting; 6, transmission of power, electrical traction, electrical motors; 7, telegraphs, telephones and railway signalling; 8, measuring apparatus; 9, electro-medicine; 10, various applications of electricity; 11, electro-technical education.

Foreign-made goods will enjoy the same privileges as goods of Russian manufacture. The Minister of Finance has agreed that all exhibits remaining unsold three months after the closing of the exhibition will be returned carriage-free on Russian railways, and foreign exhibits will also be freed from import duty.

A suggestion has been made that a Congress of Railway Engineers connected with traction, telegraphs and electricity should be held during the period that the exhibition will be open.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

With reference to the notice published on p. 13 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th July, respecting an exhibition of the joinery and furniture trades to be held at Prague, a notice appears in the "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" (Paris) of 3rd August, announcing the postponement of the opening of this exhibition from 20th August to 7th September.

**Postponement of
Opening of
Joinery and
Furniture Trades
Exhibition.**

BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

Brazil.—H.M. Consul at Porto Alegre (Mr. A. Archer) reports that although a perfect avalanche of catalogues, to judge by the numbers sent to the Consulate, is continually descending on that place, it is very doubtful if they produce any material result. They are nearly always in English and generally lack necessary details of weight, price, &c., to enable a would-be purchaser to make his calculations. Consequently they are imperfectly understood, and the intricacies of English weights, measures and money add to the perplexity of the foreign reader. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,453.*)

PROSPECTS OF THE NIJNI NOVGOROD FAIR.

The following note has been received from the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. Henry Cooke):—

"A Siberian correspondent, writing at length to the 'Commercial and Industrial Gazette' of St. Petersburg, of 13/26 July, on the prospects of the Siberian purchasing market as an important factor in the success or otherwise of Nijni Novgorod Fair, now just opening, states that the Siberian demand is expected to be large, as the hay crop in the cattle rearing regions of Western Siberia has been a magnificent one, and the grain crops in Western Siberia generally leave nothing to be desired, so far as can now be determined. The prospects are most consoling, while, too, Siberians from last year's harvest gained a good deal of money owing to the higher prices for all kinds of agricultural products caused by the demand for the troops. Siberian dealers, therefore, calculating on good trade prospects at home, will, in all probability, do a big purchase trade at the Fair. Of course the war and the difficulties of transport cannot altogether be lost sight of, but taking the traffic figures of the Siberian railway for 1904, and comparing them with those of the preceding year, it will be seen that the goods traffic did not suffer to the extent expected, and, in most cases, even increased. Should peace prospects, too, take a speedy favourable turn, the results of the Fair may be extraordinary in their dimensions, at least as regards the Siberian demand."

FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN JULY, 1905.*

I.—GENERAL.

The trade returns for July, 1905, when compared with those for the corresponding month of 1904, show increases in the value of the **Imports** into the United Kingdom, in the value of the **Exports** of British produce, and in the value of the **Exports** of foreign and Colonial merchandise.

The value of the **Imports** in July, 1905, was 44,741,838*l.*, an increase of 3,785,237*l.*, or 9·2 per cent., as compared with July, 1904, whilst the total **Exports** amounted to 33,594,529*l.*, or an increase of 3,517,233*l.* The **Exports** of British produce alone show an increase of 3,037,469*l.*, or 12·3 per cent., as compared with July, 1904, whilst there is an increase of 479,764*l.*, or 9·1 per cent., in the **Exports** of foreign and Colonial merchandise.

II.—IMPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the **Imports** for July, 1905, as compared with the corresponding months of 1904 and 1903, according to the different categories of merchandise:—

* Reference should be made to the article on "Changes in the Monthly Trade Accounts for 1905," published at pp. 444-6 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th March, for information as to the changes which have been made in these accounts.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in July, 1905.***Imports from Foreign Countries and British Possessions.***

	Month ended 31st July.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903.
	1903.	1904.	1905.		
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—	£	£	£	£	£
A. Grain and flour ...	7,630,776	5,117,402	6,461,929	+ 1,344,527	— 1,168,847
B. Meat, including animals for food.	4,320,767	3,952,304	3,787,475	— 164,829	— 533,292
C. Other food and drink—					
1. Non-dutiable ...	5,948,146	5,330,131	5,356,146	+ 26,015	— 592,000
2. Dutiable ...	3,506,373	3,467,328	3,528,584	+ 61,256	+ 28,211
D. Tobacco ...	370,772	246,780	263,677	+ 16,897	— 107,095
Total, Class I. ...	£ 21,770,834	18,113,945	19,397,811	+ 1,283,866	— 2,373,023
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke, and patent fuel ...	74	250	4,336	+ 4,086	+ 4,262
B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...	482,803	410,007	478,062	+ 68,055	— 4,741
C. Other metallic ores ...	328,946	484,563	653,449	+ 168,881	+ 124,503
D. Wood and timber ...	3,619,586	3,207,144	3,256,412	+ 49,268	— 363,174
E. Cotton ...	1,165,821	1,616,413	2,865,981	+ 1,249,568	+ 1,700,160
F. Wool ...	1,981,076	1,312,023	1,299,232	— 12,791	— 681,844
G. Other textile materials ...	634,137	527,690	570,430	+ 42,740	— 63,707
H. Oil seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums ...	2,227,618	2,105,979	1,953,451	— 152,528	— 274,167
I. Hides and undressed skins ...	579,775	521,812	635,224	+ 113,412	+ 55,449
J. Materials for paper making ...	257,270	290,917	377,654	+ 86,737	+ 120,384
K. Miscellaneous ...	1,222,575	1,492,461	1,506,594	+ 16,133	+ 296,019
Total, Class II. ...	£ 12,699,681	11,969,264	13,602,825	+ 1,633,561	+ 903,144
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ...	720,591	672,503	627,066	— 45,447	— 93,535
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof ...	1,550,208	1,751,847	1,724,815	— 27,032	+ 174,607
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments ...	304,939	239,999	249,357	+ 9,358	— 55,582
D. Telegraph cables and apparatus ...	3,591	3,946	1,817	— 2,129	— 1,774
E. Machinery ...	412,602	313,377	370,197	+ 56,820	— 42,405
F. Ships (new) ...	14,715	1,537	2,706	+ 1,169	— 13,009
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ...	210,428	167,549	157,611	— 9,938	— 52,617
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton ...	667,429	560,857	640,039	+ 79,182	+ 32,610
2. Wool ...	1,009,612	953,289	1,106,082	+ 152,793	+ 96,470
3. Other materials ...	1,421,645	1,414,570	1,417,900	+ 3,330	— 3,745
I. Apparel ...	305,523	227,717	280,558	+ 52,841	— 24,965
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ...	745,129	726,712	791,330	+ 64,618	+ 46,201
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes and gloves) ...	993,812	893,375	1,003,166	+ 109,291	+ 99,354
L. Earthenware and glass ...	386,241	348,296	342,585	— 5,713	— 43,656
M. Paper ...	392,416	393,482	438,180	+ 44,698	+ 45,764
N. Miscellaneous ...	2,004,824	2,032,069	2,378,625	+ 346,756	+ 374,001
Total, Class III. ...	£ 10,993,705	10,701,627	11,532,224	+ 830,597	+ 538,519
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) ...	£ 189,100	171,765	208,978	+ 37,213	+ 19,878
Total value of Imports ...	£ 45,653,330	40,966,601	44,741,838	+ 3,785,237	— 911,483

*The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

Comparing the values of the imports of articles last month with those of July, 1904, the chief increases and decreases are as shown in the following statement:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in July, 1905.***Exports of British Produce.***

	Month ended 31st July.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903.
	1903.	1904.	1905.		
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	158,264	147,676	284,818	+ 137,142	+ 126,554
B. Meat, including animals for food ...	50,281	58,919	84,706	+ 25,787	+ 34,475
C. Other food and drink	1,194,080	1,173,780	1,220,931	+ 47,151	+ 26,251
D. Tobacco	52,010	68,688	86,157	+ 23,460	+ 34,147
Total, Class I. ...	£ 1,455,185	1,444,063	1,676,612	+ 232,549	+ 221,437
II.—Raw Materials and Articles					
Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke and patent fuel	2,550,540	2,317,061	2,257,384	— 59,677	— 293,156
B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel	37,117	42,447	33,961	— 8,486	— 3,136
C. Other metallic ores... ..	17,860	7,554	11,517	+ 3,963	— 6,083
D. Wood and timber	3,945	4,290	6,710	+ 2,420	+ 2,765
E. Cotton	—	—	—	—	—
F. Wool	67,302	84,177	142,905	+ 58,728	+ 75,603
G. Other textile materials	7,891	10,765	13,603	+ 3,033	+ 5,912
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats and gums... ..	216,543	183,987	187,735	+ 3,748	— 28,808
I. Hides and undressed skins	118,991	101,880	150,668	+ 48,788	+ 31,677
J. Materials for paper making	86,863	36,373	52,910	+ 14,537	+ 16,027
K. Miscellaneous	117,795	115,195	153,242	+ 38,047	+ 35,447
Total, Class II. ...	£ 3,174,607	2,905,729	3,010,855	+ 103,126	— 163,752
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	2,672,897	2,185,654	2,877,198	+ 691,544	+ 204,301
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	531,991	545,478	784,811	+ 239,133	+ 252,620
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments	377,927	390,029	413,067	+ 23,068	+ 35,170
D. Telegraph cables and apparatus... ..	27,340	30,484	44,494	+ 14,410	+ 17,554
E. Machinery	1,877,261	1,829,789	2,119,842	+ 290,073	+ 242,381
F. Ships (new)	552,411	239,567	225,886	— 13,681	— 326,525
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	117,772	101,273	104,064	+ 2,821	— 13,678
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton... ..	6,757,843	7,114,628	7,590,383	+ 475,755	+ 832,540
2. Wool	2,488,381	2,553,723	2,756,802	+ 203,079	+ 268,421
3. Other materials	1,144,707	1,058,836	1,189,868	+ 131,082	+ 45,161
I. Apparel	752,076	520,464	543,254	+ 22,790	— 208,822
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	1,020,437	897,567	1,068,046	+ 170,479	+ 47,609
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves)	397,094	373,471	457,298	+ 83,827	+ 80,204
L. Earthenware and glass	282,325	254,530	278,828	+ 24,498	— 3,497
M. Paper	129,814	148,732	156,955	+ 8,221	+ 27,139
N. Miscellaneous	1,811,736	1,827,143	2,140,712	+ 313,569	+ 328,976
Total, Class III. ...	£ 20,942,012	20,071,148	22,761,766	+ 2,680,618	+ 1,809,754
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) £	308,741	362,642	381,818	+ 19,176	+ 78,077
Total value of Exports of British produce ...	£ 25,875,545	24,783,582	27,821,061	+ 3,037,469	+ 1,945,506

Exports of Foreign and Colonial Produce.

Total value... ..	£ 5,665,518	5,293,714	5,773,478	+ 479,764	+ 107,960
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* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship, and are known as the "free on board" values.

Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in July, 1905.

Comparing the values of the exports of the principal articles of British produce and manufacture in July, 1905, with those of July, 1904, the chief increases and decreases are as follow:—

Increases.

			£
I.	A.	Bran and pollard	88,442
II.	F.	Wool, sheep or lambs'	58,728
	A.	Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	691,544
	B.	Copper, unwrought and wrought	158,326
	E.	Steam engines	127,969
		Machinery, other than steam engines, or electrical	148,815
III.	H1.	Cotton yarn	133,760
		„ piece goods	335,002
	H2.	Wool tops	65,109
		Woollen tissues	70,700
	H3.	Linen piece goods	65,968
	J.	Manure (chemical)	73,657
	N.	Arms, ammunition, and military stores	97,739

Decrease.

			£
II.	A.	Coal, coke and patent fuel	59,677

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz.:—

		Increase.	Decrease.
II.	A.	Coal, coke and patent fuel ... 107,368 tons	£59,677.
	C.	Metallic ores, other than iron ore ... £3,963	768 tons.
	I.	Skins and furs, undressed ... £7,950	766,460 No.
	F.	Ships new	3,350 tonnage £13,681.
	H2	Worsted yarn	£25,451 ... 18,800 lbs.
		„ tissues	537,400 yards ... £3,598.
III.	H3	Jute yarn	£4,893 860,600 lbs.
		„ piece goods	£31,534 378,100 yards.
	J.	Coal products, not dyes	£4,520 1,246 cwts.
	L.	China ware and earthenware	£3,683 42,294 „

IV.—TRADE DURING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1905.

The following table shows the value of the Imports from foreign countries and British possessions during the seven months ended 31st July last, as compared with the corresponding periods of the two previous years:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in July, 1905.***Imports from Foreign Countries and British Possessions.***

	Seven Months ended 31st July.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903.
	1903.	1904.	1905.		
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	36,968,667	38,397,114	39,560,015	+ 1,162,901	+ 2,573,348
B. Meat, including animals for food	29,096,320	28,116,814	28,018,907	— 97,907	— 1,077,413
C. Other food and drink—					
1. Non-dutiable	35,259,881	36,440,981	34,529,262	— 1,911,679	— 730,629
2. Dutiable	28,323,901	24,378,181	25,027,427	+ 649,246	+ 1,703,526
D. Tobacco	2,298,290	2,230,669	2,038,589	— 192,080	— 259,701
Total, Class I. ...	£ 126,965,059	129,563,769	129,174,190	— 389,519	+ 2,309,131
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke and patent fuel ...	2,385	1,890	12,992	+ 11,102	+ 10,707
B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...	3,032,440	2,714,655	3,140,282	+ 425,627	+ 107,842
C. Other metallic ores	3,555,653	3,907,617	4,424,133	+ 516,516	+ 868,480
D. Wood and timber	12,444,667	11,930,578	11,123,140	— 807,438	— 1,321,527
E. Cotton	24,265,419	27,345,325	27,883,859	+ 538,534	+ 3,618,440
F. Wool	17,241,657	16,143,292	18,490,949	+ 2,347,657	+ 1,249,292
G. Other textile materials	6,791,133	7,968,485	8,085,877	+ 117,392	+ 1,294,744
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums	14,251,604	15,236,302	13,574,308	— 1,661,894	— 677,296
I. Hides and undressed skins ...	4,435,848	3,801,744	4,393,430	+ 591,686	— 42,418
J. Materials for paper making ...	1,826,725	1,925,782	2,125,161	+ 199,399	+ 298,436
K. Miscellaneous	11,183,691	12,170,281	12,745,522	+ 575,241	+ 1,561,831
Total Class II. ...	£ 99,081,122	103,145,831	105,999,653	+ 2,853,822	+ 6,968,531
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	4,765,526	4,806,760	4,629,531	— 179,209	— 135,975
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	10,899,085	11,838,310	11,829,358	— 8,952	+ 1,430,273
C. Outlery, hardware, implements and instruments	2,320,399	2,208,888	1,976,940	— 231,948	— 543,459
D. Telegraph cables and apparatus..	53,781	20,481	82,827	+ 11,866	— 1,404
E. Machinery	2,799,586	2,609,115	2,824,891	+ 215,776	+ 25,305
F. Ships (new)	35,512	11,392	11,479	— 87	— 24,033
G. Manufactures of wood and tim- ber (including furniture) ...	1,383,204	1,262,033	1,128,244	— 133,789	— 254,960
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton	4,586,700	3,897,219	4,425,182	+ 527,963	— 161,518
2. Wool	6,927,616	6,720,183	7,463,723	+ 742,538	+ 535,107
3. Other materials	11,747,912	11,548,917	11,524,109	— 24,808	— 223,803
I. Apparel	1,798,662	1,968,387	2,260,542	+ 292,155	+ 466,880
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	5,265,131	5,563,953	5,718,516	+ 154,563	+ 433,385
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves)	6,696,298	6,535,313	6,174,001	— 361,312	— 522,297
L. Earthenware and glass	2,652,737	2,633,120	2,353,104	— 198,016	— 317,633
M. Paper	2,788,773	2,629,125	2,869,067	+ 69,942	+ 110,294
N. Miscellaneous	14,305,700	14,530,647	16,068,069	+ 1,537,522	+ 1,762,869
Total, Class III. ...	£ 78,721,572	78,886,195	81,320,103	+ 2,433,906	+ 2,598,531
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclasi- fied (including Parcel Post) ...	1,369,147	1,297,656	1,333,433	+ 55,797	— 15,694
Total	£ 306,086,900	312,898,391	317,847,399	+ 4,954,008	+ 11,760,499

* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

The value of the Exports of home produce, also of foreign and colonial produce, during the first seven months of 1905, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1904 and 1903, is as shown in the following table:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in July, 1905.***Exports of British Produce.***

	Seven Months ended 31st July.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903.
	1903.	1904.	1905.		
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	990,963	981,240	1,597,245	+	606,005
B. Meat, including animals for food.	386,964	377,310	439,121	+	51,811
C. Other food and drink	6,547,912	6,577,778	6,870,121	+	292,343
D. Tobacco	368,159	427,155	551,172	+	124,017
Total, Class I.	8,244,018	8,313,483	9,447,659	+	1,134,176
II.—Raw Materials and Articles					
Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke, and patent fuel ...	15,795,888	15,872,590	14,899,220	—	774,370
B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...	294,655	375,786	282,170	+	6,434
C. Other metallic ores	64,500	79,861	72,944	—	6,417
D. Wood and timber	27,291	28,827	46,308	+	17,476
E. Cotton ... ..	...	...	...	+	...
F. Wool	539,422	663,705	847,219	+	183,514
G. Other textile materials	86,969	104,376	103,923	—	453
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums	1,809,905	1,652,545	1,449,009	—	203,536
I. Hides and undressed skins	321,540	381,811	1,054,514	+	222,363
J. Materials for paper making	244,375	250,000	314,846	+	64,846
K. Miscellaneous	923,395	960,618	1,063,668	+	122,850
Total, Class II.	20,628,370	20,529,269	20,153,816	—	366,453
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	18,263,280	16,164,703	17,843,803	+	1,689,098
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	3,816,523	3,901,548	4,649,627	+	748,079
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments	2,577,873	2,759,127	2,864,659	+	105,532
D. Telegraph cables and apparatus ...	1,466,194	543,843	669,018	+	125,170
E. Machinery	11,213,586	12,131,582	13,119,858	+	988,276
F. Ships (new)	2,658,382	2,665,623	2,381,459	—	184,164
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	849,944	706,785	652,902	—	53,883
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton	43,292,962	46,413,150	52,052,329	+	5,639,179
2. Wool	14,677,413	15,432,602	17,389,457	+	1,986,555
3. Other materials	7,127,016	7,200,533	7,405,782	+	205,249
I. Apparel	4,672,541	3,294,301	3,270,412	—	23,889
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	8,166,086	8,250,942	8,654,024	+	403,082
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes and gloves)	2,856,215	2,519,616	3,002,619	+	483,003
L. Earthenware and glass	1,867,961	1,766,843	1,803,485	+	36,642
M. Paper	1,017,089	1,100,950	1,115,922	+	14,972
N. Miscellaneous	12,683,769	13,079,062	14,491,866	+	1,412,804
Total, Class III.	137,306,804	137,841,313	151,367,217	+	13,526,005
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) ...	2,218,978	2,225,285	2,558,580	+	333,295
Total value	168,298,170	168,900,249	183,537,372	+	14,827,023

Exports of Foreign and Colonial Produce.

	£	£	£	£	£
Total value	41,713,386	42,356,719	45,827,771	+	3,471,052

* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship and are known as the "free on board" values.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in July, 1905.***V.—SHIPPING IN JULY, 1905.**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during the month ended 31st July, 1905, amounted to 3,830,141 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 4,251,982 tons, as against 3,530,421 tons entered and 4,192,855 tons cleared in the month of July, 1904. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during July, 1905, amounted to 2,853,534 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 2,788,392 tons, as against 2,763,424 tons entered, and 2,698,209 tons cleared in July, 1904.

VI.—SEVEN MONTHS' SHIPPING (JANUARY-JULY).

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during the seven months ended 31st July, 1905, amounted to 22,642,416 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 28,246,355 tons, as against 22,693,072 tons entered and 27,869,737 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1904. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during the first seven months of 1905 amounted to 18,826,276 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 18,511,715 tons, as against 18,599,715 tons entered and 18,227,182 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1904.

TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

The following summary table has been prepared in the Board of Trade, showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to May, 1905, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period, viz., the five months ended May. The corresponding figures for 1904 and 1903 are added for comparison :—

	Imports (<i>see NOTE</i> that follows tables). Five Months ended May.			Exports (Domestic) (<i>see NOTE</i> that follows tables). Five Months ended May.		
	1903.	1904.	1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Belgium* ...	40,557,000	44,244,000	46,717,000	31,204,000	32,118,000	33,773,000
France... ..	82,978,000	78,281,000	81,982,000	70,040,000	71,889,000	75,675,000
Spain... ..	13,640,000	13,682,000	15,534,000	13,168,000	13,878,000	13,022,000
Italy	31,126,000	32,345,000	33,288,000	25,199,000	24,184,000	26,219,000
Austria-Hungary ...	33,094,000	35,020,000	38,031,000	34,508,000	36,675,000	33,508,000
Egypt	6,542,000	7,442,000	8,183,000	8,378,000	10,320,000	8,509,000
United States... ..	89,739,000	88,996,000	104,238,000	122,848,000	118,569,000	127,151,000
Japan	14,512,000	16,126,000	24,106,000	10,547,000	11,327,000	11,975,000
British India... ..	22,729,000	25,455,000	26,956,000	41,343,000	47,041,000	44,099,000
Canada	19,533,000	19,892,000	20,959,000	13,349,000	16,689,000	11,014,000
United Kingdom ...	189,064,000	197,371,000	195,940,000	120,251,000	120,047,000	129,721,000

* Value of *principal* articles only.

Trade of Foreign Countries and British Possessions.

NOTE.—In the case of Belgium, France, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Egypt, Japan, Canada and United Kingdom, the import figures given in the above summaries represent imports for home consumption only, *i.e.*, excluding re-exports. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however, they include a certain amount of “nationalised” goods, *i.e.*, goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

A comparison of the total figures for the six months ended 30th June is possible for four countries, as follows, *viz.* :—

	Imports (<i>see Note</i>). Six Months ended June.			Exports (Domestic) (<i>see Note</i>). Six Months ended June.		
	1903.	1904.	1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Belgium* ...	49,679,000	53,106,000	55,908,000	38,149,000	39,068,000	40,571,000
France... ..	98,092,000	93,419,000	95,312,000	83,693,000	85,652,000	90,923,000
United States ...	106,822,000	105,904,000	123,079,000	141,187,000	137,506,000	151,885,000
United Kingdom ...	234,482,000	234,891,000	233,077,000	142,523,000	144,117,000	155,706,000

* Value of *principal* articles only.

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade, are as follow :—

	Imports.			Exports (Domestic).		
	1903.	1904.	1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Russia* (3 months)...	13,506,000	16,180,000	12,067,000	19,758,000	18,313,000	19,374,000
Germany (3 months)...	75,555,000	80,347,000	80,321,000	59,234,000	62,065,000	63,974,000
Switzerland (3 mths.)	10,757,000	11,235,000	11,721,000	8,780,000	8,810,000	9,093,000
Portugal (1 month) ...	1,014,000	1,131,000	1,235,000	536,000	525,000	503,000
Mexico† (3 months)...	3,878,000	4,067,000	4,236,000	4,105,000	4,587,000	5,073,000

* European and Black Sea Frontiers.

† The values of the imports are stated in gold, and the dollar has been converted into English currency at the rate of 4s. The values of the exports are stated in silver, and the dollar has been converted into English currency for the years 1903, 1904, and 1905, at 1s. 8d., 1s. 10d. and 2s. respectively. The figures for Mexico include bullion and specie.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the “Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions,” including figures received up to 31st July, to be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

With further reference to a notice published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3rd August, respecting the importation of corn sacks into Australia, a new Proclamation, dated 7th June, 1905, is published in the "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 17th June last.

The present Proclamation revokes the previous Proclamation of May, 1905, and at the same time directs that—"From and after the 1st day of September, 1905, the importation of corn sacks into Australia shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions, namely, that in the case of standard corn sacks, that is, corn sacks which comply with the standard hereinafter set out, the bales containing those corn sacks shall be plainly branded or marked with the trade name, measurement, weight, porter, and shot of the corn sacks therein contained, and that in the case of corn sacks other than standard corn sacks, each corn sack shall be plainly branded or marked with its trade name (if any), its measurement, weight, porter and shot."

The standard for standard corn sacks shall be as follows :—

Size	...	...	...	44 ins.	by 26½ ins.
Weight when baled	...	...	...	2¾ lbs.	
Substance	...	...	...	8 porter	9 shot.

The importation of corn sacks into Australia contrary to the above conditions and restrictions is prohibited.

The same issue of the "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" also contains a by-law, dated 13th June, 1905, which provides for the free importation into the Commonwealth of "knobs used as minor articles in the manufacture of ash-pans."

SEYCHELLES.

The Board of Trade have received from the Governor of Seychelles a copy of an Ordinance (No. 1 of 1905) which was assented to by the Governor of the Colony of Seychelles on 27th February last.

**Revised Import
Duties on
Sugar, &c.**

The present Ordinance amends the "Customs Tariff Revision Ordinance of 1903," by imposing a duty of 2 rupees per 100 kilos. (instead of 12½ per cent. *ad valorem*) on sugar (other than sugar, refined and candy) on importation into the Colony.

Provision is also made by the present Ordinance for the free importation of talc, when imported for the purpose of being used in the manufacture of soap.

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

PORTUGAL.

With reference to the notice which appears on p. 276-7 of this week's "Journal," on the subject of bounties and other privileges and immunities granted to wine growing and manufacturing companies in Portugal, it is to be noted that the privileges in question include the duty-free importation of all plant for the use of such companies, for a period of ten years.

Free Admission of Plant for Wine Companies.

SPAIN.

With reference to notices which have appeared in recent issues of the "Journal" respecting the new Law authorising the continuance of the Customs régime established by the Swiss-Spanish Commercial Treaty of July, 1892, to imports from countries entitled to most-favoured-nation treatment in Spain, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Spanish Royal Decree establishing a Commission to consider questions connected with the application of this Law, and to advise upon the procedure to be followed by Spain in negotiating new Commercial Treaties.

Commission on Commercial Relations.

ITALY.

With reference to the notice which appeared at pp. 215-218 of last week's "Journal," the following is a translation of a further portion of the schedule of the conventional duties to be levied on German imports into Italy attached to the new Commercial Treaty between Italy and Germany, which is to take effect, as regards imports into Italy, from the 31st March next:—

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At Present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
		Lirc. Cts.	Lire Cts.
<i>Ex</i> 121	Cotton velvets—		
<i>Ex</i> (b)	Fine (velvets)—	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>
	3. Dyed	190 00	190 00
	4. Printed	235 00	235 00
<i>Ex</i> 122	Knitted goods of cotton, except stockings and gloves—		
<i>Ex</i> (a)	Plain	150 00	150 00
<i>Ex</i> (b)	Shaped... ..	Duty on plain + 50 per cent.	Duty on plain + 50 per cent.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY—continued.**

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At Present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
	<p><i>Note.</i>—In the classification of knitted wares included under No. <i>Ex</i> 122 (<i>a</i>) and (<i>b</i>), edging with ribbon, and the application of small bands for strengthening or fastening, are to be left out of consideration except for the levying of the surtax for sewing.</p> <p>Shaped knitted wares included under No. <i>Ex</i> 122 (<i>b</i>) are not subject to a surtax for the sewing necessary to complete the article.</p>	Lire Cts.	Lire Cts.
<i>Ad</i> 122	In the event of Italy deciding to subject stockings and gloves to a special régime, the duty on stockings and gloves cut out shall not exceed that on plain knitted wares increased by 40 per cent., and the duty on shaped stockings and gloves shall not exceed that on shaped knitted wares increased by 50 lire per 100 kilogs. In this case, stockings and gloves shall not be subjected to a special surtax for sewing.		
	In the classification of stockings and gloves, no account shall be taken of edging with ribbon or the application of small bands for the purpose of strengthening or fastening. Gussets made in gloves by means of single folding shall be without effect on the tariff classification of the articles, which are to be regarded as simply sewn, not as embroidered.		
<i>Ex</i> 128	Tissues of cotton, mixed—		
(<i>a</i>)	With less than 12 per cent. of silk	Duty according to the quality of the tissue, + 40 lire per 100 kilogs.	Duty according to the quality of the tissue, + 40 lire per 100 kilogs.
(<i>b</i>)	With less than 50 per cent. of wool	Duty according to the quality of the tissue, + 20 lire per 100 kilogs.	Duty according to the quality of the tissue, + 20 lire per 100 kilogs.
<i>Ex</i> 129	Sewn articles of cotton—		
(<i>c</i>)	Other (<i>i.e.</i> , other than sacks, bed and table linen, towels and the like, collars, cuffs and shirts for men)	Duty on the component tissue with an addition of 40 per cent*.	Duty on the component tissue with an addition of 40 per cent.

* In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, Swiss jackets of *crêpe de santé* are subject to a duty of 100 lire per 100 kilogs.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY—continued.**

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At Present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
		Lire Cts.	Lire Cts.
<i>Ad.</i> 131	Wool waste and carding wool shall not be subjected to a duty higher than that on raw wool. This disposition is also applicable to waste of woollen yarns of any length which cannot be used as yarns. In case of doubt, Customs offices can require them to be cut up under official superintendence.		
137	Yarns of combed wool, twisted ...	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Duty on} \\ \text{single yarns} \\ + 17 \text{ lire per} \\ 100 \text{ kilogs.} \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Duty on} \\ \text{single yarns} \\ + 17 \text{ lire per} \\ 100 \text{ kilogs.} \end{array} \right.$
<i>Ex</i> 138	Tissues of wool—		
(a)	Of carded yarn, weighing per square metre—	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>
	1. 300 grammes or less ...	185 00*	185 00
	2. More than 300, but not more than 500 grammes	160 00*	160 00
	3. More than 500 grammes...	140 00*	140 00
(b)	Of combed yarn, weighing per square metre—		
	1. 200 grammes or less.....	250 00	250 00
	2. More than 200, but not more than 500 grammes	220 00	220 00
	3. More than 500 grammes...	190 00†	190 00
(c)	Printed	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Duty on the} \\ \text{tissue accord-} \\ \text{ing to kind} \\ + 30 \text{ lire per} \\ 100 \text{ kilogs.} \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Duty on the} \\ \text{tissue accord-} \\ \text{ing to kind} \\ + 30 \text{ lire per} \\ 100 \text{ kilogs.} \end{array} \right.$
<i>Ex</i> 139	Felts—		
(b)	More than 3 millimetres in thickness	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>
	... ..	20 00	20 00
<i>Ex</i> 143	Carpets of wool or waste wool, including those in which other textile materials, except silk, predominate in weight	100 00	100 00
<i>Ex</i> 144	Knitted wares of the textile materials of category vii. (i.e., wool, horsehair and other hair), except stockings and gloves—		
<i>Ex</i> (a)	Plain	220 00	220 00
<i>Ex</i> (b)	Shaped	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Duty on the} \\ \text{plain} + 50 \\ \text{per cent.} \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Duty on the} \\ \text{plain} + 50 \\ \text{per cent.} \end{array} \right.$

* Under the new Treaty with Switzerland, woven felts for the manufacture of wood or straw pulp, cellulose and paper, pay 110 lire per 100 kilogs without distinction of weight.

† Under the new Treaty with Switzerland, camels'-hair belts, impregnated or not, pay 100 lire per 100 kilogs.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY**—*continued.*

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
		Lire Cts.	Lire Cts.
	<p><i>Note.</i>—In the classification of knitted wares included under No. <i>Ex</i> 144 (<i>a</i>) and (<i>b</i>), edging with ribbon and the application of small bands for strengthening or fastening are to be left out of consideration except for the levying of the surtax for sewing.</p> <p>Shaped knitted wares included under No. <i>Ex</i> 144 (<i>b</i>) are not liable to a surtax for the sewing necessary to complete the article.</p>		
<i>Ad</i> 144	In the event of Italy deciding to subject stockings and gloves to a special régime, the duty on stockings and gloves cut out shall not exceed that on plain knitted wares increased by 40 per cent., and the duty on shaped stockings and gloves shall not exceed that on shaped knitted wares increased by 50 lire per 100 kilogs. In this case stockings and gloves shall not be liable to a special surtax for sewing.		
	In the classification of stockings and gloves, no account shall be taken of edging with ribbon and the application of small bands for strengthening or fastening. Gussets made in gloves by means of single folding shall be without effect on the tariff classification of the articles, which are to be regarded as simply sewn, not as embroidered.		
146	Galloons and ribbons of the textile materials of category vii. (<i>i.e.</i> , wool, horsehair, and other hair)	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> 240 00	<i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> 240 00
147	Trimnings of the textile materials of category vii. (<i>i.e.</i> , wool, horsehair, and other hair)	220 00	220 00
150	Sewn articles of the textile materials of category vii. (<i>i.e.</i> , wool, horsehair, and other hair)	{ Duty on the tissue + 35 per cent.*†	{ Duty on the tissue + 35 per cent.

* Except for corsets, which, under the Treaty with France, pay 0·60 lire each, when trimmed or embroidered, and 0·30 lire each in other cases.

† Under the new Treaty with Switzerland, Swiss jackets of *crêpe de santé* pay 225 lire per 100 kilogs.

*Tariff Changes, and Customs Regulations.***ITALY—continued.**

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
	<p><i>Notes.</i>—(1) Shawls, scarves and fichus of wool, woven or knitted, printed or not, furnished with fringes of textile material mixed with silk, and in which the silk is present in a proportion less than 12 per cent., if the fringes represent the most highly taxed textile material in the completed article, will pay the duty applicable to the fringes according to the material predominating in weight, with a surtax of one lire per kilog.</p> <p>(2) The surtax for simple sewing on shawls, scarves and fichus of wool, woven or knitted, printed or not, with or without fringes; also the surtax for sewing on woollen blankets, simply hemmed or bound, are fixed at 20 per cent.*</p> <p>Carpets in the piece, intended to be sold by measure, are not liable to a surtax for sewing, even though the ends be sewn to prevent fraying of the tissue. The surtax for sewing in the case of woollen carpets manufactured in the piece, and separated from one another after manufacture, simply hemmed or bound along the two sides without selvage, is fixed at 10 per cent. In other cases woollen carpets, simply hemmed or bound, are subjected to a surtax of 20 per cent. for the sewing.</p> <p>(3) Shawls, scarves and fichus of woollen tissue, black, not embroidered, with silk fringes, or embroidered (even in silk) at only one corner, with or without silk fringes, will pay duty according to the nature of the tissue, with an addition of 25 per cent. These articles will be exempt from the surtax for sewing.</p>		

* In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, the surtax for sewing on *woollen shawls*, woven or knitted, printed or not, even furnished with fringes, is reduced to 10 per cent.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY**—*continued.*

Tariff No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
		At present.	From the 31st March, 1906.
	<p>(4) Men's or boys' clothing, and women's mantles and jackets of wool, pay the duty on the most highly taxed material, in cases where this represents more than one-tenth of the total surface of the sewn article.</p> <p>If two or more parts of the most highly taxed materials represent, taken together, more than 10 per cent. of the surface, the article will pay a duty corresponding to the arithmetic mean of the duties applicable to the most highly taxed materials entering into the composition of the article.</p>		

*(To be continued.)***GREECE—EGYPT.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 413 of the "Journal" for the 1st June, relating to the conclusion of an Agreement between the Greek and Egyptian Governments, prolonging the Helleno-Egyptian Commercial Convention of 1895 until the 31st March, 1906, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of a Greek Royal Decree giving effect to the Agreement in question.

GREECE—BELGIUM.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 407 of the "Journal" for the 1st December last, reporting the conclusion of a Provisional Commercial Convention between Greece and Belgium, the Board of Trade have now received information, through the Foreign Office, to the effect that the Convention in question has been approved by the Greek Chamber and was ratified on the 9th/22nd July last.

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

TURKEY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Constantinople Quay Company has been granted a concession to construct new customs buildings at Galata and Stamboul, and to erect bonded warehouses at the latter place. The Company is further authorized to erect a bonded warehouse at Galata if it desires to do so, and to establish a service of steam barges between the Galata and Stamboul quays.

The new Stamboul custom-house is to have an area of 13,344 square metres, and the new bonded warehouses at that place an area of 4,890 square metres. The sites of the existing custom-houses both at Stamboul and Galata will eventually become the property of the Company.

The Galata custom-house is to extend over 7,000 square metres on the Tophané side.

Pending the completion of these works the Quay Company will use existing buildings as temporary bonded warehouses.

MEXICO.

With reference to the notice which appeared in last week's "Journal" relating to a revised Customs Tariff for Mexico, the following is a translation of a further section of the text of the new Tariff, which, as stated in the previous notice, is to come into force on the 1st September next:—

No.	Articles.	Unit.	Duty.
			Pesos. cts.
264	Asbestos in fibre or powder, emery in powder or lumps, marble or alabaster, in the rough or in powder, pumice stone, lava in the rough, gypsum and stucco	Kilog. gross	0 01
265	Clay, sand or moulding sand, fire clay, rotten-stone, and tripoli	—	Free
266	Jet, unwrought	Kilog. legal	0 25
267	Sulphur	—	Free
268	Lime, hydraulic lime, cement (Roman or Portland), and carbonate of lime or Spanish white	100 kgs. gross	0 55
269	Coal	—	Free
270	Carbonates of lime, of barytes, or of strontia, and peroxide of manganese	100 kgs. gross	3 30
271	Spar	Kilog. gross	0 10
272	Marble and alabaster sawn into slabs, not polished	" "	0 05
273	Mineral stone of all kinds	—	Free
274	Plumbago	Kilog. gross	0 06
275	Talc	Kilog. legal	0 04

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***MEXICO—continued.**

No.	Articles.	Unit.	Duty.
276	Mineral oil, unrefined	100 kgs. net	Pesos. cts. 3 30
277	Mineral oil, refined, benzine, mineral wax, and paraffin	Kilog. legal	0 09
278	Coal tar and asphalt	" gross	0 04
279	Coke	—	Free.
280	Vaseline	Kilog. gross	0 11
281	Paving stones and slabs	—	Free
282	Manufactures of alabaster or marble, not specified, weighing not more than 50 kilogs. each	Kilog. gross	0 30
283	Manufactures of alabaster or marble, not specified, weighing more than 50 kilogs. each	" "	0 18
284	Manufactures of earthenware, cement, and lava, not specified	" "	0 05
285	Manufactures of gypsum or stucco, not specified	" "	0 15
286	Manufactures of agate, jet, and meerscham, not specified	" legal	2 00
287	Tiles with mouldings	" gross	0 06
288	Tiles, not specified	Thousand.	8 00
289	Paraffin candles	Kilog. gross	0 20
290	Crayon and chalk	" legal	0 15
291	Bricks, slabs, tiles, ridge tiles, ventilators, and tubes of earthenware	Thousand	2 75
292	Pencils of all kinds	Kilog. legal	0 15
293	Sand or emery on paper or tissue	" "	0 08
294	Slabs of cement or artificial stone, even with coloured designs	Kilog. gross	0 01
295	Marble slabs for pavements	100 kilogs. gross	1 60
296	Marble slabs for furniture, and slabs with polished or moulded edges	Kilog. gross	0 15
297	Mosaics of artificial stone for flooring	" "	0 02
298	Millstones	—	Free
299	Slates in slabs, polished on both surfaces	Kilog. gross	0 17
300	Slates for roofing	" "	0 01
301	Slates for schools, framed or not, and slate pencils	" "	0 10

*(To be continued.)***VENEZUELA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of an agreement entered into by the Venezuelan Government, granting to Mr. E. A. Rendiles, a Venezuelan citizen, for a period of six years, the exclusive right to import into the Republic fowling pieces, rifles, saloon pistols, revolvers, dynamite, sporting powder, explosives, capsules, and cartridges for the above-mentioned arms.

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

PERU.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Peruvian Decree laying down the following regulations as to the visible and indelible mark which must be borne by materials allowed to be imported duty-free by companies enjoying this privilege under concessions granted to them.

Marking of Materials Imported Duty-free by Companies Holding Concessions. 1. In the case of liquid materials, the mark is to be affixed to the receptacles containing them, and when two or more receptacles are contained in another made of wood, the mark must be branded on the latter.

2. Wire coils and bales of cotton waste must bear the mark painted on the wrapper, whether it be a whole or partial covering.

3. Wire or iron nails must have the mark branded on the barrel or keg containing them.

4. Pieces of malleable iron, steel or other material permitting it, are to be marked with a punch in various places, the marks being made at convenient intervals, and regard being paid to the dimensions of the piece.

Castings whatever be the material, class and number, must bear the mark in relief, cast at the same time as the piece.

NICARAGUA.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Decree of the President of Nicaragua, providing that no consular invoice shall be required, nor any charges or consular fees exacted, for articles sent from countries within the Postal Union to Nicaragua by parcel post, if the value of the articles, in the opinion of the Customs authorities, does not exceed 50 dols. gold, this sum being either the value of a single parcel or of a number of parcels arriving by the same steamer for one person or legally established company from the same sender.

No Consular Invoice Required for Certain Parcel Post Packages.

JAPAN.

According to the "Monthly Report of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce" for June, 1905, regulations governing the exportation of fancy matting from Japan were promulgated in the "Official Gazette" of 15th May, taking effect from 1st June.

Regulations respecting the Exportation of Fancy Matting.

In accordance with these regulations, all fancy matting, except that for which the Minister for Agriculture and Commerce has given certificates, must pass the examination of the Matting Conditioning House before being exported. The fee for examination is: 2 *sen* for a piece of matting not over 40 yards in length, and $\frac{1}{2}$ *sen* for a piece of short length.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The attention of the Board of Trade has recently been called to the fact that the weights and measures carried on board ships, in accordance with the provisions of section 201 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, are sometimes inaccurate.

Notice to Ship-owners and Masters: Weights and Measures.

Under this section, a master of a ship who fails to keep on board "proper weights and measures" is for each offence liable to a fine not exceeding 10*l.*, and the Board think it right to suggest to shipowners and masters the advisability of taking steps to have the weights and measures on board their vessels verified and stamped by an inspector of weights and measures from time to time, as opportunity offers.

RUSSIA.

The following particulars of the Russian mercantile marine, taken from official sources and compiled from data up to 1st September, 1904, have been received from the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. H. Cooke). The total mercantile marine is as follows:—

				Registered Tonnage.	
Mercantile Marine.	Steamships ...	...	834	...	382,867
	Sailing ships	...	2,533	...	283,550
			3,367	...	666,417

75 per cent. of the number and 84 per cent. of the tonnage of the steamships were constructed at foreign (*i.e.*, non-Russian) yards, the number built in the United Kingdom being 310, at a cost of 60,000,000 roubles; and in Sweden 110, at a cost of 14,000,000 roubles. Of late a diminution is noticeable in orders for vessels from the United Kingdom and Sweden, and an increase in those from Germany. The total cost of the entire mercantile marine is given as 121,329,481 roubles. The steamers are mostly of small tonnage, only 33 being of 2,000 tons and over.

NETHERLANDS—CURAÇOA:

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from the Acting British Consul at Curaçoa (Mr. D. Jesurun) transmitting an abstract of the new Immigration Law in force in the colony of Curaçoa, together with an explanation of the said law, which at the request of agents of steamship lines, has been given to them by the Hon. Attorney-General.

These documents may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

Shipping and Transport.

PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 157 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd January, 1903, a despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Consul at Beira (Mr. R. C. F. Greville), transmitting translation of an order published in the "Boletim Official," which greatly facilitates the conditions of landing hitherto obtaining at that port. The new order permits the disembarkation of persons of all nationalities, with the exception of known criminals, idiots, persons without visible means of support, &c.

**Landing of
Passengers at
Beira
Facilitated.**

SPAIN.

The British Vice-Consul for Burriana and Castellon (Mr. E. Harker) reports that the year 1904 witnessed a considerable increase in British tonnage on that part of the Spanish coast: this is chiefly owing to the recent inauguration of a service of fast steamers of the Wilson Line between those ports and Hull. These vessels have replaced steamers under foreign flags. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,460.*)

**Increase of British
Shipping in the
Gulf of Valencia.**

SPAIN-CANARY ISLANDS.

Adverting to the notice which appeared on p. 456 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th December, 1904, on the subject of the restriction of the inter-insular trade of the Canary Islands to Spanish vessels, and to the notice of postponement published on p. 28 of the "Journal" of 5th January last, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the operation of the Decree has been still further postponed till 1st January, 1906, by an Order of the Spanish Minister of Finance.

**Further
Postponement of
Restriction of
Coasting Trade to
Spanish Vessels.**

ITALY.

In his recent report to the Foreign Office, H.M. Consul-General at Genoa (Mr. W. Keene) gives detailed particulars of the present port regulations there including the scales of fees for anchorage, sanitary inspection, pilotage, towage, discharging, loading, &c. (*Foreign Office Annual Series, 3,446.*)

**Port Regulations
at Genoa.**

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY. RUSSIA.

The following figures of the production of coal and coke in the Donetz basin in 1903 and 1904 are extracted from the recent report of the British Vice-Consul at Mariupol (Mr. W. S. Walton):—

						1903.	1904.
						Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous	...	...	...	...	...	10,433,710	11,464,839
Anthracite	...	...	...	...	...	1,309,677	1,492,258
Total coal						11,743,387	12,957,097
Coke	...	...	...	...	...	1,205,484	1,668,710

Mr. Walton says that the total output did not reach the estimate given at the Mining Congress at Kharkov by some 2,000,000 tons, and the consumption was about 1,000,000 tons short of the estimate.

The estimated production of the Donetz Coal Basin in 1905 is set down at over 15,000,000 tons, but it is quite certain that this figure will not be reached, as, owing to the war, most of the mines are shorthanded and must remain so for some time to come; other factors are the general depression in trade and the unsettled state of the country, which cannot but have an effect upon the consumption, while the mines will not care to increase their stocks.

In the meantime, the colliery proprietors are endeavouring to discover or create new markets, and the repeated trial shipments of Donetz coal to foreign ports having proved fruitless, the subject of export has, for the moment, been dropped, and attention is now transferred to the project of supplying Donetz coal to Northern Russia, principally the Baltic ports, with the object of ousting foreign coal out of the market. Several committees have been formed and the subject has been discussed on all sides, but up to the present nothing has been decided. The one great impediment would appear to be, even allowing that the consumers would readily agree to employ Russian coal, the heavy cost of transport, which, under existing conditions, brings the price of Donetz coal delivered at St. Petersburg some 3s. to 5s. per ton above the price now paid for ordinary foreign coal including the Customs duty, and thus precludes all possibility of business. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,447.*)

SPAIN.

The report for 1904 on the Consular District of Malaga, recently issued by the Foreign Office (*Annual Series, 3,458*), gives at pp. 15-16, 23, and 31, particulars regarding the development of sundry iron ore properties in the Malaga, Almeria, and Carthagena districts. The report may be obtained at a cost of 3d. from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***SPAIN**—*continued.*

With regard to zinc ores, the British Vice-Consul at Almeria (Mr. J. Morrison) reports that the better price for zinc ore has enabled miners to increase their output, and shipments thereof were nearly trebled last year. The whole of the ore was shipped to Belgium. This advance has created amongst miners a great deal of enthusiasm, and the securing of new claims on the great belt of land which produces this ore has been quite a feature in local mining circles. A few of the ventures have been very successful, but for the proper development of this mineralised ground other mining appliances than those in use are required. The ore is found in layers or "capas." Along with the zinc, rich lead ore and also copper ore are found. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,458.*)

YARNS AND TEXTILES.**INDIA.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the monthly return issued by the Indian Government, showing the quantity of cotton yarn spun, and of cotton woven goods produced, in each province in British India, and in the Native States, during April of each of the years 1903, 1904 and 1905, as follows:—

	Month ended April.		
	1903.	1904.	1905.
BRITISH INDIA, BERAR, AND NATIVE STATES.			
Cotton yarn spun Lbs.	48,438,882	42,487,006	54,609,730
Cotton woven goods produced:—			
Grey goods { = Yards	8,889,770	10,073,717	10,618,237
Figured and coloured goods Lbs.	37,207,865	43,730,427	44,953,310
Hosiery "	1,378,260	1,678,592	1,778,493
Miscellaneous goods "	32,707	33,773	27,366
	120,252	136,798	190,656

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following statement, showing the exports of cotton goods (domestic manufacture) from the United States to the undermentioned countries during the six months ended June, 1904 and 1905, has been compiled from the official statistics issued by the United States Government:—

**Exports of
Cotton Goods.**

Yarns and Textiles.

To	Six months ended June.	
	1904.	1905.
Coloured and uncoloured cloths—	Yards.	Yards.
United Kingdom	954,816	1,745,996
France	—	—
Germany	49,159	46,872
Other Europe	489,987	916,112
British North America	4,862,138	5,056,934
Central America and British Honduras	11,911,699	14,898,488
Mexico	1,454,125	1,817,688
Cuba	4,513,372	9,487,464
Other West Indies and Bermuda	9,343,759	13,024,776
Argentina	1,807,454	2,829,044
Brazil	4,199,182	5,325,576
Chile	6,393,363	6,862,960
Colombia	6,466,379	5,211,856
Venezuela	3,158,197	3,941,468
Other South America	3,083,257	4,441,263
Chinese Empire	45,886,656	272,124,969
British East Indies	2,853,840	4,808,316
Hong-Kong	106,533	269,220
Japan	291,768	8,731,113
British Australasia	2,943,931	3,936,574
Philippine Islands	2,849,552	8,594,347
Other Asia and Oceania	11,755,074	11,202,697
British Africa	3,811,362	3,430,849
All other Africa	349,484	246,534
Total quantity	Yards 129,035,087	388,451,116
Total value	Dols. 7,980,696	23,733,229
Other cotton goods—	Dollars.	Dollars.
United Kingdom	609,192	493,745
Belgium	57,943	69,346
France	4,986	11,262
Germany	466,749	240,745
Netherlands	13,789	13,427
Other Europe	46,737	41,513
British North America	1,311,770	1,255,044
Central America and British Honduras	270,658	346,164
Mexico	257,464	332,569
Cuba	143,115	201,593
Other West Indies and Bermuda	135,505	127,734
Argentina	76,734	212,834
Brazil	57,440	39,785
Chile	10,217	10,432
Colombia	54,082	24,463
Venezuela	24,567	11,114
Other South America	21,158	25,754
Chinese Empire	26,999	201,121
British East Indies	7,091	2,696
Hong-Kong	14,812	26,450
British Australasia	197,219	219,791
Philippine Islands	36,280	45,945
Other Asia and Oceania	76,687	189,469
British Africa	70,019	150,481
All other Africa	6,061	6,426
Other countries	2,803	3,104
Total value	Dols. 4,000,077	4,303,007
Grand total value of all cotton goods exported	Dols. 11,980,773	28,036,236

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UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 5th August, 1905, were as follows:—

Corn Prices.

Wheat	...	...	...	31s. 11d.
Barley	...	...	...	22s. 0d.
Oats	...	...	...	18s. 4d.

For further particulars see p. 281.

RUSSIA.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Consul-General at Warsaw (Mr. A. P. Murray) forwarding a report on the state of the crops in Poland and Lithuania.

From this report it appears that after a succession of bad years farmers in those provinces can at last look forward with a fair amount of assurance to a good harvest, as the reports from every part of Poland and Lithuania, except the northern part of the Government of Kovno, are that cereals both of winter and spring sowings, as well as all other crops are in very good condition.

At the middle of July the condition of both winter and spring wheat and rye, of oats and barley was good throughout Poland. The harvesting of rye took place much earlier than usual this year and mostly gave very good results. Winter wheat is in very good condition, and promises to give even better results than rye. Oats are ripening fast, especially in the vicinity of Warsaw. The condition of the hop plantations is up till now satisfactory, and as the weather appears to be keeping favourable a good yield may be hoped for.

Up to the end of June winter cereals were in a satisfactory state throughout Lithuania, rye being especially good in the districts of Kobryn and Bialystok in the Government of Grodno, but not so good in the Government of Kovno.

Oats and barley are on the whole satisfactory.

The full report may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

PORTUGAL.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Legation at Lisbon, forwarding translation of a decree sanctioning certain measures for affording relief to the depressed wine industry of Portugal, including the grant of a bounty of about 1s. a hectolitre on wine exports of a certain type and

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quality, and a further bounty of about 6s. 6d. on similar wines brought into Lisbon for consumption. Wine companies are granted, under certain conditions, free import of their plant, and other facilities. Five Government agencies are to be established in foreign countries for the sale of wine, &c., from Portugal; one of these agencies will be set up in London.

With a view to discouraging adulteration, and at the same time producing funds for the above measures, the Lisbon octroi duties have been modified as shown in the following table:—

Percentage of Alcohol.						Old Scale.	New Scale.	Increase.
						Reis.	Reis.	Reis.
12 and under	...	...	...	...	...	33-92	33-92	—
13	...	...	...	...	...	33-92	37-92	4-00
14	...	...	...	...	...	33-92	41-92	8-00
15	...	...	...	...	...	33-92	45-92	12-00
16	...	...	...	...	...	39-22	49-92	10-70
17	...	...	...	...	...	39-22	53-92	14-70
18	...	...	...	...	...	39-22	57-92	18-70
19	...	...	...	...	...	39-22	61-92	22-70
20	...	...	...	...	...	44-52	65-92	21-40
21	...	...	...	...	...	44-52	69-92	25-40
22	...	...	...	...	...	44-52	73-92	29-40
23 and above	...	...	...	...	...	270-00	400 00	130-00

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

H.M. Consul at Trieste (Mr. J. B. Spence) reports that the importation of paddy rice into Austria-Hungary, but especially Austria, has lately enormously increased. The quantity imported in 1904 amounted to 130,000 tons as compared with 95,700 tons in 1903. The consumption of rice in Austria has increased nearly 50 per cent. so that the rice mills now mill for local use instead of for export. Judging by the dividends they distribute, amounting in one case to as much as 17 per cent., the rice mills of Austria-Hungary are at present really flourishing.

COSTA RICA.

H.M. Consul at San José (Mr. F. N. Cox) reports that the exportation of bananas from Costa Rica continues to grow very rapidly, the total of 6,065,400 bunches shipped in 1904 being an increase of 18-02 per cent. on the corresponding total in 1903. The area under cultivation at the end of 1904 was 26,428 manzanas (manzana = about 2 acres), some 2,000 manzanas having been newly planted during the year.

The market, says Mr. Cox, appears to be capable of much expansion, and new districts are being explored and surveyed for development under bananas. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,444.*)

MISCELLANEOUS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 3rd August, 1905, **Cotton Statistics.** was 42,648 (including 138 bales British West Indian and 531 bales British West African), and the number imported during the 31 weeks ended the 3rd August was 2,521,446 (including 3,722 bales British West Indian and 2,430 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 3rd August, 1905, 8,162 bales, and for the 31 weeks, 254,446.

For further details see p. 281.

A return showing the number of bales of cotton imported and exported, forwarded from ports to inland towns, and returned to ports during the month and seven months ended 31st July last, will be found on p. 280.

ITALY.

H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) gives, at pp. 48-51 of his report for the year 1904, a short account, received from a well-known local electrical engineer, of the great progress that has been made in Lombardy in utilising water power to generate electric current, and in transmitting it over considerable distances to be used for lighting and as a motive power for industrial purposes.

It is stated that the distribution of this energy has been devoted to supplying new industries and replacing steam engines. In the district worked by the Società Lombarda, nearly 12,000 horse-power of steam out of 20,000 horse-power have ceased. At one place where 500 horse-power by steam was used, 1,000 horse-power by electric motor is used now. Yet with all this it is most interesting to observe that the importation of coal into Italy has risen from 4,426,524 tons in 1898 to 5,904,578 tons in 1904. Instead of the decline which was expected there has been an augmentation.

The additional industries that have begun during the last decade are many and various. There is more spinning and weaving of silk, cotton, linen and wool, more mechanical industries of all kinds, furniture making, chemical works, &c.; and there is a prospect of much further development, considering the available sources of water power, for the utilisation of which concessions continue to be applied for and granted. Mr. Towsey mentions that the turbines, alternators, the electrical plant generally and all connected therewith are made and manufactured at Milan. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,454.*)

*Miscellaneous.***MEXICO.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico of 7th July publishes the text of certain instructions issued to Federal Offices with a view to facilitating operations involving calculations in foreign currency. The rate of exchange of the Mexican peso is henceforth to be quoted by the Federal offices in the currency of the various countries: so many pence, francs, lire, marks, &c., and in no case is the method of quoting the foreign currency in terms of the Mexican peso to be retained. Fractional values are to be expressed in decimals. In referring to United States currency, the use of the word "peso" is to be avoided, this word and the sign "\$" being reserved for the Mexican coin. The United States dollar is to be referred to as "dolar," and the abbreviation for the plural is to be "dls."

The "Diario" may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

BRAZIL.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have received from the Acting British Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. C. B. Rhind) a cutting from the "Brazilian Review" of the 20th June last, containing statistics of Brazilian exports during the first quarter of 1905, as compared with those of the corresponding period of 1904, from which the following table, showing the quantity and value of the principal articles exported, has been compiled:—

	Quantity.		Value.	
	1st Quarter, 1904.	1st Quarter, 1905.	1st Quarter, 1904.	1st Quarter, 1905.
			£	£
Rubber kilos.	12,094,400	13,441,351	4,121,692	5,420,619
Coffee bags	1,697,318	2,237,759	3,506,856	3,482,943
Hides and skins ... kilos.	10,487,639	8,573,782	626,588	542,381
Tobacco "	3,804,472	7,418,422	137,238	315,602
Cocoa "	4,145,457	4,780,712	197,123	214,304
Maté "	8,432,327	7,810,363	189,348	192,611
Sugar "	2,249,609	12,066,325	21,110	156,453
Gold, bar grammes	1,117,341	1,211,520	121,035	131,249
Cotton kilos.	7,561,731	2,143,631	506,397	88,237
Other articles "	—	—	394,684	1,464,394
Total value "	—	—	9,822,071	12,009,293
Specie "	—	—	1,459	758
Grand total £	—	—	9,823,530	12,010,051

Mr. Rhind states that, calculated on the basis of this return, it is predicted that exports during the current year will reach the value of 44,000,000*l.* or 4,770,000*l.* more than in 1904.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.—July, 1905.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported, Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and Returned to Ports during the Month and Seven Months ended 31st July, 1905, compared with the corresponding Periods of the Year 1904.

	MONTH OF JULY.		SEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31ST JULY.	
	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.
IMPORTS.				
American	156,019	63,203	2,032,409	1,214,546
Brazilian	7,386	430	89,712	76,112
East Indian	8,489	16,188	34,145	157,626
Egyptian	80,785	18,653	282,282	250,344
Miscellaneous	8,082*	7,024	42,766†	37,401
Total	210,711	108,498	2,481,814	1,736,029
EXPORTS.				
American	18,198	7,301	166,819	143,974
Brazilian	—	25	549	3,577
East Indian	1,628	8,229	8,769	41,001
Egyptian	6,618	4,707	60,877	53,377
Miscellaneous	781	351	2,764	4,727
Total	22,165	20,613	239,278	252,346
FORWARDED from PORTS to INLAND TOWNS.				
American	286,981	183,039	1,824,291	1,267,591
Brazilian	7,260	2,752	28,098	44,001
East Indian	2,270	6,900	18,118	63,225
Egyptian	18,648	18,287	197,013	186,399
Miscellaneous	2,443	2,409	21,293	24,627
Total	267,602	213,387	2,088,813	1,587,133
FORWARDED from INLAND TOWNS to PORTS.				
American	246	99	1,980	2,052
Brazilian	—	—	—	—
East Indian	—	—	—	—
Egyptian	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	4
Total	246	99	1,980	2,056

* Including 540 bales British West Indian and 968 bales British West African.

† Including 3,716 bales British West Indian and 2,133 bales British West African.

Cotton Returns—continued.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 31 Weeks ended 3rd August, 1905 :—

	Week ended 3rd August, 1905.	31 Weeks ended 3rd August, 1905.	Week ended 3rd August, 1905.	31 Weeks ended 3rd August, 1905.
	IMPORTS. (Bales.)		EXPORTS. (Bales.)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
American	22,104	2,108,392†	3,713	176,567
Brazilian	—	39,712‡	—	549
East Indian	8,057	35,856‡	15	8,784
Egyptian	13,055	291,177	3,600	64,972
Miscellaneous	4,432*	46,309†‡	834	3,574
Total	42,648	2,521,446	8,162	254,446

* Including 133 bales British West Indian and 531 bales British West African.

† Including 3,722 bales British West Indian and 2,430 bales British West African.

‡ Corrected figures.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 5th August, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

		Average Price.					
		Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Week ended 5th August, 1905...	...	31	11	22	0	18	4
Corresponding week in—							
1898 ... ..	...	33	8	27	5	20	9
1899 ... ..	...	24	8	22	6	17	9
1900 ... ..	...	28	7	23	7	19	8
1901 ... ..	...	27	7	22	1	19	4
1902 ... ..	...	31	7	24	11	22	11
1903 ... ..	...	29	3	20	1	18	8
1904 ... ..	...	28	3	19	9	17	10

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Passengers to Places out of Europe.—July, 1905.

Return of the Numbers and Nationalities of the Passengers that left the United Kingdom for Places out of Europe (distinguishing the principal Countries in which the Passengers contracted to land) during the Month ending 31st July, 1905, and the Seven Months ending 31st July, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the previous Year.

Nationality.	BRITISH EMPIRE.						FOREIGN COUNTRIES.			Grand Total.	Total for corresponding Period of 1904.
	British North America.	Australia and New Zealand.	British South Africa.	India, including Ceylon.	Other British Colonies and Possessions.	Total.	United States.	Other Foreign Countries.	Total.		
Month ending 31st July.											
English	5,519	1,005	1,912	147	242	8,825	4,889	357	5,246	14,071	15,919
Scotch	1,940	125	418	3	13	2,499	1,862	31	1,893	4,392	3,237
Irish	244	48	79	1	6	378	2,237	16	2,253	2,631	3,552
Total of British origin.	7,703	1,178	2,409	151	261	11,702	8,988	404	9,392	21,094	22,759
Foreign	2,410	36	582	9	14	3,051	11,865	570	12,435	15,486	15,548
Nationalities not distinguished	—	—	—	53	242	295	72	180	252	547	651
Total	10,113	1,214	2,991	213	517	15,048	20,925	1,154	22,079	37,127	38,957
Total for corresponding period, 1904 ...	8,892	876	2,674	224	422	13,088	25,028	841	25,869	38,957	
Seven Months ending 31st July.											
English	44,818	5,217	10,099	1,336	1,970	63,440	32,317	2,703	35,020	98,460	92,025
Scotch	10,254	788	2,309	81	88	13,520	10,289	307	10,596	24,116	20,332
Irish	2,177	320	564	4	20	3,085	25,122	126	25,248	28,333	25,055
Total of British origin.	57,249	6,325	12,972	1,421	2,078	80,045	67,728	3,136	70,864	150,909	137,462
Foreign	16,544	151	2,540	60	136	19,431	88,270	2,669	90,939	110,370	85,553
Nationalities no distinguished	17	—	—	707	1,191	1,915	477	1,443	1,922	3,837	3,412
Total	73,810	6,476	15,512	2,188	3,405	101,891	156,475	7,250	163,725	265,116	226,426
Total for corresponding period, 1904 ...	61,552	5,989	16,562	2,381	3,305	89,789	131,647	5,090	136,637	226,426	

NOTE.—The above figures being made up at the earliest possible date after the close of each month, are subject to correction in the Annual Returns.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of July, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. 1d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. for the first, and 4s. 3d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the July issue:—State of the Labour Market in June; Eight hour day in Government Workshops; German Labour Colonies in 1904; Coal Mining in 1904; Pauperism, 1877-1905; Recent Conciliation and Arbitration Cases, and Relief of the Unemployed in June.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual and Miscellaneous Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

No. 3,466. Trade of Martinique for 1904.

Value of imports 616,788*l.*, and of exports 527,051*l.*; showing a decrease of 198,795*l.* and 77,112*l.* respectively, as compared with 1903.

Depression in sugar and rum industry.

Proposed attempt at banana cultivation.

Shipping and trade statistics.

No. 3,467. Trade of Smyrna for 1904.

Growth of foreign trade has been hindered by agricultural depression.

Cotton gambling in Smyrna.

Notes on piece-goods trade.

Shipping and trade statistics.

Custom-house difficulties.

This publication also contains reports from Adalia, Mitylene, Rhodes, Samos, Scio and Scala Nuova.

Government Publications.

No. 3,468. Trade of Amoy for 1904.

Statistics of total seaborne traffic.	flour, opium, cotton yarn and kerosene.
Remarks on imports of rice,	Particulars of emigration.
	Trade and shipping returns.

No. 3,469. Trade and Finance of Guatemala for 1904.

Value of imports 1,008,228l.; the largest total for seven years.	Particulars of coffee industry, with tables showing exports since 1898.
Details of revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the country.	Analysis of principal imports.
	Progress of the Guatemala Railway.

This publication also contains reports from Livingston and San José.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.**No. 635. Japanese Paper Making.**

This report deals exclusively with paper made from the bark of plants indigenous to Japan, with a slight admixture, in certain cases, of other materials. Particulars are given of the cultivation of the chief of these plants; the process of manufacture (which is carried out entirely by manual labour); and the method of imprinting designs on paper. Statistics of the annual output of the various paper-making districts are included in the report.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Report on Strikes and Lock-Outs in the United Kingdom in 1904, and on Conciliation and Arbitration Boards. [Cd. 2,631.] Price 7d.

From this publication, which has been prepared in the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, it appears that the year 1904 was singularly free from industrial stoppages. The numbers of disputes, of workpeople affected, and of working days lost, were the smallest on record.

The 354 disputes recorded in 1904 involved about 87,000 workpeople, or under one per cent. of the industrial population of the United Kingdom, exclusive of agricultural labourers and seamen. The disputes, new and old, in progress during the year resulted in the loss of about 1,450,000 working days, of which rather more than two-fifths was accounted for by disputes in the mining and quarrying industries. The results of the disputes during the year were, on the whole, distinctly in favour of the employers.

Government Publications.

Report of the Royal Commission on Supply of Food and Raw Material in Time of War, with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices. Vol. I. The Report. [Cd. 2,643.] Price 1s. 8d.

This is the Report of the Commission appointed in January, 1904, to enquire into the conditions affecting the importation of food and raw material into the United Kingdom in time of war, and into the amount of the reserves of such supplies existing in the country at any given period; and to advise whether it is desirable to adopt any measures, in addition to the maintenance of a strong fleet, by which such supplies can be better secured and violent fluctuations avoided.

Fifty-first Report of the Postmaster-General on the Post Office. [Cd. 2,634.] Price 5½d.

According to an estimate given in this report the number of postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom during the year 1904-5 was as follows :—

—	Number.	Increase per cent.	Average No. for each person.
Letters	2,624,600,000	1·0	61·2
Postcards	734,500,000	19·7	17·1
Halfpenny packets	848,700,000	2·8	19·7
Newspapers... ..	179,400,000	2·6	4·2
Parcels	97,200,000	3·0	2·3
Total	4,479,400,000	4·0	104·4

Report from the Select Committee on Post Office (Telephone Agreements), 1905, with the Proceedings of the Committee. 271. Price 6d.

Report on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1902 and 1903. Part II. Scientific Investigation. [Cd. 2,535.] Price 8s. 7d.

Joint Stock Companies. 242. Price 2d.

This is a return of the companies registered during the year ended 31st December, 1904, which filed a prospectus, and to which certificates to commence business have been granted.

INFORMATION ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

Information on the subjects named in the notice on the cover will be found in the following Board of Trade publications, obtainable in London upon application to Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W., and their Sub-Agents, Messrs. G. Street & Co., Ltd., 30, Cornhill, E.C.; in Edinburgh to Messrs. Oliver & Boyd; and in Dublin to Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, at the prices named, viz. :—

Government Publications.

- 1 { "Board of Trade Journal," 3rd September, 1903, pp. 448-61,
5th May, 1904, p. 216, 4th August, 1904, p. 212, 10th
November, 1904, pp. 265-6, 9th February, 1905, p. 259,
30th March, 1905, p. 596, 6th April, 1905, pp. 25-6,
11th May, 1905, pp. 255 and 257-8, 1st June, 1905, p. 404,
8th June, 1905, p. 453, 15th June, 1905, p. 498, 20th July,
1905, p. 115, and 27th July, 1905, p. 162, at 1*d.* per
number.
- 2 { Differential Duties Return (Cd. 2,394) at 1*s.* 6*d.*
- 3 { Statistical Abstract for the { pp. 28/29
4 { United Kingdom, 51st { p. 12
5 { number (Cd. 2,192) at { pp. 176/191
1*s.* 3*d.* pp. 57/157
- 6 { Monthly Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation (25. VI)
at 1*s.* 1*d.*
- 5 { Annual Statement of Trade, 1904.
Vol. I. (Cd. 2,497) at 7*s.* 7*d.* ... pp. 182 *et seq.*
Annual Statement of Trade, 1904.
Vol. II. (Cd. 2,626) at 4*s.* 3*d.* ... pp. 177/453
- 6 { Annual Abstract of Labour Statistics, } pp. 190/96
7 { 10th No. (Cd. 2,491) at 1*s.* 2*d.* } pp. 40/75
- 7 Report on Changes in Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour
(Cd. 2,199), at 7*d.*
- 8 Colonial Import Duties Return (Cd. 2,185) 2*s.* 1*d.*
- 9 Canada (Preferential Tariff for goods from the United
Kingdom), No. 310, at $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*
- 10 { Statistical Abstract for the Colonial and other
Possessions of the United Kingdom, 41st No.
(Cd. 1,912) at 1*s.* 10*d.* pp. 33/243
- 10 { Statistical Abstract for the British Empire, 1st
No. (Cd. 2,395) at 6*d.* pp. 3/45
Trade (Colonies and the United Kingdom) ... No. 262, 2*d.*
Trade (Colonies and Foreign Countries) ... No. 110, 2*d.*
Foreign Import Duties Return (Cd. 2,340) at 2*s.*
- 11 { New German Tariff as modified by Treaties (Cd. 2,414) at
1*s.* 10*d.*
- 12 Statistical Abstract for the principal and other
foreign countries, 30th number (Cd. 2,202) at
1*s.* 6*d.* pp. 44/217
- 13 Trade between the United Kingdom and Germany (131) at $1\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*
- 14 Memorandum on the comparative Statistics of Population,
Industry, and Commerce in the United Kingdom and
some leading foreign countries (Cd. 1,199) at $5\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*
- 15 { British and Foreign Trade and Industry. Memoranda,
Statistical Tables and Charts (Cd. 1,761) at 3*s.* 6*d.*
British and Foreign Trade and Industry (Second Series).
Second Series of Memoranda, Statistical Tables and Charts
(Cd. 2,337) at 3*s.* 6*d.*
- 16 Naval Expenditure and Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.)
(284) at 1*d.*

THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade (No. 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.) is intended to be a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest shall be collected and focussed in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of British trade permit, replies shall be given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters.

On application being made to it either personally or by letter, the Branch supplies, so far as is possible, information with regard to the following subjects, viz.: Commercial Statistics; Matters relating to Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations; Lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities; Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender; Sources of Supply, Prices, &c., of Trade Products; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers, &c., &c. There is a Sample Room at the offices of the Branch, where, in addition to samples illustrative of reports of H.M. Consuls or of the Correspondents or Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade, specimens of special interest that may be received from the Imperial Institute, India, or the Colonies, &c., are exhibited from time to time.

The "Board of Trade Journal" is the principal medium through which intelligence collected by the Commercial Intelligence Branch, and intended for general information, is conveyed to the public. The "Journal" is now issued weekly at the price of 1d. All applications respecting subscription, or the purchase of single copies, should be addressed in London to Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; in Edinburgh to Messrs. Oliver & Boyd; and in Dublin to Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street. Copies may also be obtained from Messrs. G. Street & Co., Ltd., 30, Cornhill, E.C.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.—In consequence of the transfer of the Imperial Institute to the Board of Trade from the beginning of 1903, the work formerly carried on by the Commercial Intelligence Office of the Imperial Institute is now conducted by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

Among the branches of work now carried on by the Imperial Institute at South Kensington are the scientific investigation of the economic products of the British Empire with a view to their commercial utilisation, and the superintendence of the arrangement and classification of the Collection of these products which is exhibited at the Institute. From time to time samples and specimens of raw and manufactured products will be shown in the sample room at 73, Basinghall Street.

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India.—The India Trade Enquiry Office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., has been established for the purpose of supplying the general public with all available information as to the commercial products, manufactures and trades of British India.

The office is under the superintendence of an India Office official, who is in daily attendance to answer personal or written enquiries.

The current publications of the Government of India dealing with Indian Trade statistics, tariff charges, railways, economic products, &c., are kept in the office, and can be consulted free: the various Indian Directories are also filed.

Canada.—The Canadian Government have secured premises at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where an office has been opened under the designation of "Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Branch," for the convenience of the commercial community.

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Cape of Good Hope.—The Government of the Cape of Good Hope have opened offices at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the purpose of a Commercial Agency for that Colony, which will be under the direction of the Agent-General for the Cape of Good Hope.

Mr. Lewis Atkinson, who has been appointed Commercial Agent, attends daily to deal with enquiries on all Commercial and Trade matters connected with Cape Colony.

Queensland.—For the convenience of the commercial community in the City of London, the Agent-General for Queensland has opened a branch office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where a representative attends daily to give information to enquirers regarding trade, mining, and all other matters in connection with Queensland.

A Reading Room will also be provided in which maps, directories, statutes, Government reports, and other publications of the State can be seen.

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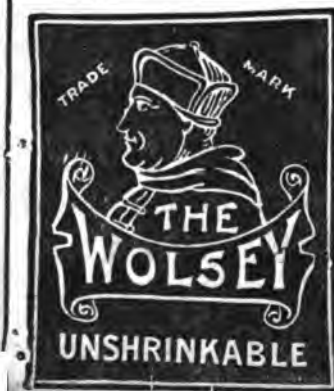
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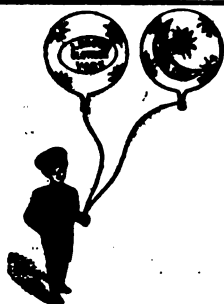
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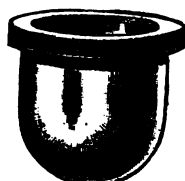
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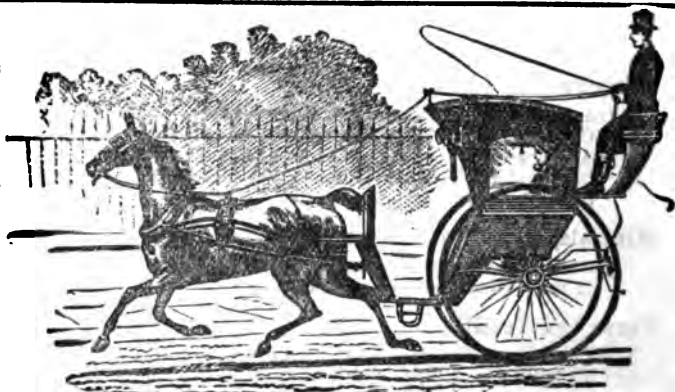
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The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 335.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore, received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

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The Directors of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of  
**Railway Stores.** the following stores, namely:—Pig iron, water cranes, signal wire posts, brackets, pulleys, &c., undressed wagon covers, steel and iron work for bridges, Portland cement.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's Offices, 48, Cophall Avenue, London, E.C., on payment of the fee for the specification, which payment will not be returned.

Tenders must be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Pig Iron," or as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 24th August.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**CANADA.**

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Enquiries relating** Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information to Canadian Trade. regarding them may be obtained:—

**Home Enquiries.**—A firm manufacturing flannels and blankets would like to develop trade in Canada.

A firm importing hay would be pleased to hear from Canadian shippers.

A company manufacturing chilled and grain rolls (steel rollers for rolling out grain) are prepared to appoint a Canadian resident agent.

**Canadian Enquiries.**—A Montreal firm are prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of Yorkshire woollens, Manchester goods, linings, canvas and Irish linens.

A Toronto firm of manufacturers' agents report there are good openings for tobacco pipes and smokers' outfits, and also fishing tackle, in both of which they are prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers.

A Winnipeg firm are prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of cotton and woollen goods.

A manufacturers' agent in Halifax, Canada, is prepared to repre-

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sent United Kingdom manufacturers of structural steel and iron, manufactured iron and steel, tin plates, fire bricks, cement and sewer pipes.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### **SOUTH AFRICA.**

A recent report by the Canadian Commercial Agent at Cape Town (Mr. C. M. Kittson) states that a fair business **Wrapping Paper.** in wrapping paper might be done in South Africa if proper means were taken to work the market. The variety for which there is the most demand is known locally as "gold ochre," 29 by 45 and 46 by 36, 30, 45, 60, 80, 100 and 120 lbs. to a ream of 480 sheets, for which the European manufacturer is at present quoting 8*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* per ton (of 2,240 lbs.) f.o.b. Gothenburg or Hamburg (free packing).

Other varieties in demand are, "parchment brown," quoted by European exporters at 12*l.* 10*s.*, "drab sealing," at 15*l.* 10*s.* per ton, f.o.b. Gothenburg or Hamburg (free packing), "natural cap" and "lumberhand."

### **RUSSIA.**

Attention is directed to the notice on pp. 298-9, extracted from the report of the British Vice-Consul at Mariupol, in which openings for silica fire-bricks, machinery, metals, pitch, and briquette-making machinery are mentioned.

### **RUSSIA—FINLAND.**

In his recent report on the trade of Finland, H.M. Consul at Helsingfors (Mr. C. J. Cooke) writes as follows **Timber Supplies.** with regard to Finnish forests:—

"Finland is not blessed with coal, iron or any other metals to any appreciable extent, but the vast expanse of her Government forests—more especially in the Far North—only requires to be more generally known to be better utilised, the more so as these timber supplies are of a very slow growth, many of the trees being of a great age. They are sure of being carefully husbanded so that the supply of trees, it can safely be said, will last for centuries, whereas the forests in private hands seem rapidly to be disappearing. The spread of population, too, is a powerful factor in lessening the timber supply, as vast tracts of land are annually brought into cultivation.

"In this connection I desire to call attention to the timber

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sales, notified in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th and 22nd June, 1905, which sales assuredly ought to interest the British timber market, though the attendant difficulties—I mean the general remoteness from open water and the language (Finnish) of the natives—are not slight.\* (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,476.*)

#### NORWAY.

A communication has been received from H.M. Consul-General at Christiania (Viscount Melville) stating that tenders are called for by the Kongsberg Arms Factory for the delivery of 240,000 kilogrammes steam coal, 300 hectolitres slack coal ("Smedekul") and 170,000 kilogrammes gas coke.

Tenders in sealed envelopes marked "Anbud paa Kul og Koks," and containing specification of price free Kongsberg Railway Station, must be at the Kongsberg "Vaabenfabrik" not later than 2 p.m. on 6th September. Samples of the qualities offered must accompany tenders.

The general conditions governing these tenders are the same as those applying to all Norwegian Government tenders (see "Board of Trade Journal," p. 102, 20th July, 1905), and may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

#### NETHERLANDS.

A communication has been received from H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. C. Robinson), stating that the programme for the international architectural competition for the Palace of Peace in the Hague was issued on the 11th August. The amount appropriated for the building is 1,600,000 fl., or about 130,000*l.* Designs are to be handed in within seven months after the issue of the programme. All details and explanations will be supplied on application, by Mr. D. E. C. Knuttel, Architect, Fluweelen Burgwal, The Hague.

#### PORTUGAL—MADEIRA.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 8 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th July last, relative to the proposed construction of a line of railway along the coast of the island of Madeira, a notification has been received from H.M.

\* Mr. Cooke states that he will be happy to give the names of two or three English gentlemen, accustomed to the local customs and language, who have some experience in the above line.

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Consul there (Mr. E. Vicars) to the effect that the statement referred to is inaccurate, the only foundation for it being a proposal made to the Municipality of Funchal for the construction of tram lines in that town—a matter of purely local interest.

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**SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 3rd August contains a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened 45 days after the publication of the announcement, at the offices of the Port Works Board, Huelva, for the supply of a locomotive tender for use at the iron wharf of that port, in accordance with plans and conditions on view at the offices of the Board, 14, Vázquez López, Huelva. A deposit of 2,000 pesetas (about 50*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta" may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**ITALY.**

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 5th August contains a Law sanctioning the expenditure by the Italian Ministry of posts and telegraphs of 350,000 lire (about 14,000*l.*) on the installation of telegraph and telephone wires in the Simplon Tunnel, to connect the Brigue telegraph office with the station at Iselle.

The "Gazzetta" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**OTTOMAN EMPIRE.**

The "Levant Herald" states that the Turkish Government have announced their intention of sinking a number of artesian wells in the vilayets of Konia and Angora, where vast stretches of good land are at present uncultivated owing to lack of water.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The Acting British Consul-General at New York (Mr. C. Clive Bayley), has forwarded copies of Notices (Nos. 260 and 262) issued from the office of the General Purchasing Officer at Washington for the Isthmian Canal Commission, calling for tenders for the supply of (No. 260) sanitary fixtures, and (No. 262) mules, straw bedding and rock salt.

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#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

Sealed tenders in triplicate addressed to the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on the 28th August for No. 260, and 30th August for No. 262.

Specifications and full information may be obtained from the General Purchasing Officer at Washington. Copies of the specifications may be examined at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

In connection with the foregoing, attention is called to the article which appeared on pp. 593-4 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June.

Referring to the notice on pp. 593-4 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June last, a communication has been received from H.M. Consul at Panama (Mr. C. C. Mallet, C.M.G.), enclosing a newspaper cutting stating that it has been announced by Mr. Shonts, Chairman of the the Isthmian Canal Commission, that assistant purchasing agents will be stationed at New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Tacoma. The assistant purchasing agent at the port of New Orleans will be Mr. S. E. Redfern, formerly chief clerk of the Canal Commission at Washington. The policy of advertising for bids "c.i.f." the Isthmus will be adhered to.

**Assistant Purchasing Agents for the Isthmian Canal Commission.**

#### **MEXICO.**

The Mexican "Diario Oficial" of 21st July contains the text of a concession granted to Mr. M. C. Miller for the construction and working, for 80 years, of a railway (1.435 metre gauge) from Guadalajara to Chamela, with a branch line to La Soledad, in the municipality of Zapopan. Five years are allowed for the free importation of materials and goods referred to in Article 74 of the Railway Law.

The "Diario" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

#### **CHILE.**

The Acting British Consul-General at Valparaiso (Mr. A Rowley) reports that the latest available statistics on the subject show that the aggregate mileage of railways in the Republic is 3,206 miles, 1,698 miles of which are Government property, and 1,508 miles owned by corporations and individuals.

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### **CHILE**—*continued.*

Mr. Rowley says that the equipment of the railways in Chile, especially the locomotives and rolling-stock of all kinds, is unsatisfactory, much of it being in a condition that renders it unfit for service. On the Government railways there are not sufficient locomotives and cars to meet the requirements of traffic, and delays in transporting cargo frequently result in damage to goods and consequent loss to the shipper. Improved facilities form one of the urgent needs of the country. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,465.*)

The British Vice-Consul at Caldera (Mr. W. B. Beazley) reports that the scheme for the supply of water to  
**Water Works.** Copiapo and the valley is well in hand. The committee appointed by Congress have reported favourably on the scheme, and it is generally believed that the Government will carry it through. The work is offered to public contract, payment to be in Government bonds. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,465.*)

### **ARGENTINA.**

The "Bulletin" of the French Chamber of Commerce at Buenos Aires states that the Argentine Congress have recently sanctioned the expenditure of 2,000,000 gold dollars (about 400,000*l.*) on various purchases for the Navy of that country, including one transport vessel of 2,000 tons, two of 600 tons each, and four of 160 tons each, and a steamer for placing automatic mines. A variety of naval stores, such as condensers, boilers, tubes, ammunition, gyroscopes, telescopes, compasses, sextants, materials for electric and radio-telegraphy, dynamos, &c., are also to be purchased out of this credit.

### **BOLIVIA.**

Referring to a Decree issued by the Bolivian Government on the 2nd May last, calling for tenders for the supply of the plant and rolling stock of a railway to be constructed between Urguni and Potosi, a communication has been received from H.M.  
**Railway Plant and Rolling Stock.**  
 Legation at Lima, forwarding copy and translation of a further decree extending the time to which tenders will be received to 30th December next.

By the terms of this decree the gauge of the railway is to be of 1 metre or 75 centimetres, corresponding to that of the line under construction from La Quiaca to Tupiza in the first case, and to that of the railway from Antofagasta to Oruro in the second. The rolling stock is to be of the best quality, and will consist of 7 locomotives, 5 first-class carriages, 5 second-class carriages, 4 luggage vans, 20 goods waggons, 30 trucks and 10 flat cars. A guarantee of 5 per cent. on the material used is offered.

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**CHINA.**

A recent report by the United States Consul at Amoy refers to an opportunity to introduce windmills and rice-hulling machinery in the vicinity of that port. It seems that a number of owners of extensive rice lands along the river between Amoy and Changchew, a large city in the interior, have visited the French possessions in South China, and have there had ocular evidence of the benefits of improved and labour-saving machinery. They have seen wind pumps doing the work of the Chinese trough-and-paddle arrangement, and have seen modern rice-hulling machinery doing the work of the Chinese coolie, who beats the hulls from rice by pounding it for hours at a time. These object lessons have had their logical result, and there is talk among these men of purchasing wind pumps and hullers. The Consul adds that there is always a steady power for wind pumps, as the rice fields are exposed to the monsoons, and such pumps would be a great success.

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**FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS.****NEW ZEALAND.**

Referring to the notice on p. 587 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th June last, a supply of copies of the Official Notice relating to the International Exhibition to be held at Christchurch, New Zealand, from November, 1906, to April, 1907, has been received from Mr. G. S. Munro, the Executive Commissioner for the Exhibition.

These copies, which contain full particulars regarding the exhibition, together with forms of application for space, may be obtained by persons interested on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**RUSSIA.**

In a recent despatch, the Acting British Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. C. H. Mackie) reports that the Imperial Russian Technical Society of that city contemplate holding in December next, and during the following winter months of 1906, an International Exhibition in St. Petersburg of leather, furs, feathers, down and manufactures thereof.

A printed copy (in French) of the regulations under which the exhibition will be held, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.,



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any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

Forms of application for intending exhibitors will be supplied on request by the Committee of the Exhibition at 10, Fontanka, St. Petersburg.

The exhibition is expected to last from three to four months, and gold, silver, and bronze medals and certificates will be awarded to the best exhibits.

The Committee of the Exhibition have obtained permission for the transportation of exhibits within Russian territory under the preferential railway tariff, and the Customs duties paid on foreign exhibits will be returned on the re-exportation of the latter within a period of two months after the closing of the exhibition.

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**ITALY.**

Referring to the notice on p. 203 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3rd August, a despatch has been received **Milan Exhibition, 1906.** from the Acting British Consul at Milan (Mr. W. M. Tweedie) reporting that the Executive Committee of the Milan Exhibition have decided to extend the time allowed to intending exhibitors to send in applications to the Exhibition Committee from 31st July to 15th September next.

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**BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.**

**Russia.**—In his recent report, H.M. Consul at Moscow (Mr. H. M. Grove) alludes to the fact that the Russian Government have permitted the establishment and official recognition of *bureaux de renseignements* as to the status, &c., of Russian firms, and expresses the hope that British manufacturers will in future be better informed than has sometimes been the case. At all events, the complaint of commercial travellers that they could find out nothing as to the status of firms should shortly be a thing of the past.

At the conclusion of his report Mr. Grove says:—"The press in Russia is largely used by German firms for advertising their goods, but one seldom sees an advertisement from a British firm. There are various local agencies here that undertake translating and inserting advertisements. . . . In sending over such advertisements for translation by these agencies into Russian it would be cheaper and more satisfactory if they were written in German (or French), as translators with a good knowledge of English are few and far between. I shall be happy to give full details *re* local papers\* to would-be advertisers." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,441.)

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\* A list may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 78, Basinghall Street, E.C., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

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**Mariupol.**—In his report for last year, the British Vice-Consul at Mariupol (Mr. W. S. Walton) in referring to the import trade of that port in goods intended for the metallurgical and coal industries of the Donetz basin, says:—

“There is not the slightest reason why British firms should not increase their present share of this trade, if only they would appoint a good pushing agent with headquarters at one of the towns specified [St. Petersburg, Moscow, Odessa, Kharkoff, Ekaterinoslav, &c.]. Should such agent hold a fairly representative stock of the various commodities in which he deals, he has much more chance of success. The port of Mariupol is in a splendid position for receiving goods for the Donetz Basin, but it is not at all a trading centre, and one could hardly advise a friend to settle here.

“It is true German and Belgian shippers enjoy greater facilities as regards transport of goods to this port, but surely this cannot be considered an insurmountable obstacle to the introduction of British goods. Take, for instance, silica fire-bricks—of the total quantity imported about 90 per cent. was supplied by a single German works having an agent in St. Petersburg. Machinery is another article in which a large business is possible; the bulk of the orders is now secured by the Ekaterinoslav representatives of some German works. There is also a large market for metals, the purchases of which are now principally made through St. Petersburg houses.

“The much talked of project of admitting pitch for the manufacture of briquettes free of duty has now become law, and supplies of this article will no doubt be drawn from the United Kingdom. The right of importing pitch duty free is exclusively accorded to proprietors of briquette manufacturing works, and consequently business can only be done with the latter direct. The various regulations appertaining to this importation, deposits, documents required, &c., only concern the receivers of the goods, and therefore it is not necessary to give them here. Up to the present only one colliery company has commenced the manufacture of briquettes, but others intend to follow their example very shortly. There will also be a demand for briquette making machinery.” (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,447.*)

**Kertch.**—The British Vice-Consul at Kertch (Mr. R. Michell) reports that the effects of the war on trade in general have not been long in making themselves felt at that port, as in other more flourishing parts of the Russian Empire. Little credit is at present given, and the local merchants are not re-stocking their shops, the scarcity of money having reduced the general demand and their business to a minimum.

Of direct trade with the United Kingdom last year there was none, but British wares of various descriptions such as broad cloth,

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linens, ironware and crockery find their way in small quantities into that market through Odessa and Moscow. There is at present, however, small demand for them owing to their high price. German and American goods of various kinds find a ready sale, although it is well known that they do not approach the British wares in durability. Ice machines, ice safes, tools, and oil stoves are disposed of at Kertch in small quantities when prices are moderate, and a certain amount of business is being done in sporting guns and revolvers.

A well-known American firm for agricultural implements, who send an agent round to push their business, have managed to secure a good many orders, the plan being to allow credit where standing of customers is considered satisfactory. It is part of the agent's business to demonstrate practically the working of machines to likely purchasers. By such means only, says the Vice-Consul, can the market be advantageously exploited.

Mr. Michell adds:—"A catalogue was received at this Vice-Consulate from a British firm translated into the Russian language—the first of its kind—this marks a new and healthy departure from the antiquated system of distributing broadcast catalogues in the English language with British weights and prices, which give no return for the postage expended on them. It is to be hoped that this example will be followed by others." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,447.)

**Italy.**—H.M. Consul-General at Genoa (Mr. W. Keene) deplors the almost total absence in Italy of commercial travellers for British firms. He adds "Certainly there is some improvement in the trade catalogues firms now send out. They are written in different languages, and prices and weights are quoted in decimal currency, but these catalogues can in no way compete with foreign firms who offer every facility to buyers on the spot through the medium of well-trained commercial travellers, who have made a study of the requirements of the districts they visit, have a thorough knowledge of the language, know what credit they can safely give, and, above all, arrange for the delivery of the goods without further charge beyond the sale price. In short, the foreigner pushes his trade at some considerable expense to himself in the first instance, but when he has once got hold of the market it is difficult for catalogues to oust him.

"The continued development of Italian industry to some extent accounts for the diminishing trade with the United Kingdom, but this is not the only reason for the decline; there is always a market for the best class of goods, but orders must be sought for and obtained on the spot. Notwithstanding the establishment of a British Chamber of Commerce for Italy, with its head office at 19A, Piazza Fontane Marose, Genoa, which Chamber is doing excellent work and is altogether a great success, and despite the

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hundreds of commercial enquiries and circulars addressed to and answered by this Consulate-General, yet all is of little value as compared with the persuasive manner of a thoroughly competent commercial traveller." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,446.)

**Wuchow.**—In his recent report to the Foreign Office (*Annual Series* 3449), the Acting British Consul at Wuchow (Mr. F. E. Wilkinson) writes:—

"A great deal has been written in previous reports on the trade of Wuchow of the market that exists here for such articles as fancy soaps, scents, belts, cutlery, biscuits, condensed milk, medicines and even feeding bottles, though I have never yet heard of a Chinese mother using one, and I have had to reply to numerous enquiries from the makers of such articles in the United Kingdom. I should like to explain here once and for all that, though there is a sale at this port in a small way for most of these articles, owing to the conditions under which business is carried on at Wuchow, it is quite impossible for the Consul to be of any assistance to exporters at home in placing their particular productions on the market. The foreign goods shops at this port, and in fact at every town in this province, are all branch establishments of Chinese firms in the Canton province, principally at Fatschan. When any of these shops need a fresh stock of goods the manager sends a rough list of the kind of articles he wants to his principals, who forward it to their buyers at Hong-Kong, leaving the choice apparently very much to their discretion. The buyers, who as a rule are storekeepers themselves and are consequently thoroughly conversant with the business, purchase the goods from the foreign importers, pack them in cases and forward them direct to their destination. One of these cases may contain perhaps a hundred different articles without more than half a dozen of a kind, for even the busiest shops in Wuchow will be quite pleased if during the year they can dispose of, say, two dozen boxes of perfumery or fancy soap, though they will stock five or six different brands of everything. The local piece-goods business is carried on under very much the same conditions as the sundries business, except that there are one or two establishments at the port which do business on their own account and send their orders direct to Hong-Kong.

"Under the circumstances it will not be surprising that there are no wholesale dealers in foreign goods at Wuchow, and that the British manufacturer who wishes to place his goods on this market can only do so at present by getting into touch through his agents in China with the native merchants at Hong-Kong, who act as buyers for Chinese firms on the mainland. It has often been urged on British merchants in China that they should endeavour to dispense with the services of these middlemen by dealing directly with their principals; but for goods the sale of which is

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limited it appears to me that the present system is the most advantageous for all parties. Even in the case of piece-goods, with which our trade is chiefly concerned, there can be little fault to find with the system. Apparently it does not enhance the cost of the goods, for shirtings of every description are sold here and in the interior at prices which one would imagine cannot leave any margin of profit to the importer."

In the same report Mr. Wilkinson refers to the field for the development of the export trade of the port afforded by the vegetable kingdom. The vegetable oils produced in Kuangsi, particularly aniseed, cassia, ground nut and wood oils, have a high reputation in China, and the supply, which is small, is not nearly equal to the demand. The magnificent forests in the north of the province and in Kueichow abound also in all kinds of valuable woods, producing camphor, rubber, paper, soap and tallow, which have not as yet been put to any commercial use. The mineral wealth of Kuangsi is said, too, to be very considerable, though not on the very best of evidence. Some of the mines, however, are unquestionably valuable.

**Nagasaki.**—H.M. Consul at Nagasaki (Mr. F. W. Playfair), in his report for 1904, remarks that numerous letters of enquiry on various commercial matters are received at his Consulate, some of which it is impossible to answer. For example, one enquirer asks for "An expression of your views as to the opportunities Japan will offer for investment in business in the immediate future. Any information regarding particular commodities likely to be in demand I would be much obliged for."

As a matter of fact, adds Mr. Playfair, the direct imports into Nagasaki are not large. Most goods are supplied through the import houses of Kobe or Yokohama, and a study of the trade reports from various ports would probably enable an exporter to see to what place he could most advantageously address his enquiry. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,457.)

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**TRADE OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS IN 1904.**

With reference to the article on p. 469 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th March last, giving statistics of the export trade of the Straits Settlements, the Acting Colonial Secretary at Singapore has forwarded a copy of a report compiled by the Registrar of Imports and Exports (Mr. A. Stuart), from which the following particulars have been extracted:—

The imports of merchandise into the Straits Settlements in 1904 were valued at nearly 326,000,000 dols., a decrease of 3½ per cent. as compared with the preceding year; the value of the exports was 255,500,000 dols., a decrease of over 6 per cent.

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From the United Kingdom goods were received to the value of over 32,500,000 dols., a decrease of 1,826,000 dols.; from the Continent of Europe 20,000,000 dols., an increase of 1,290,000 dols.; and from the United States of America about 2,322,000 dols., an increase of 153,000 dols.

The following comparative table shows the principal textiles imported, showing the share of the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and the United States:—

|                                               | United Kingdom. |            | Continent of Europe. |           | United States. |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|--------|
|                                               | 1903.           | 1904.      | 1903.                | 1904.     | 1903.          | 1904.  |
|                                               | Dols.           | Dols.      | Dols.                | Dols.     | Dols.          | Dols.  |
| Apparel, hosiery, millinery, drapery, &c. ... | 972,000         | 948,000    | 2,064,000            | 1,887,000 | 2,000          | 4,000  |
| Canvas ...                                    | 225,000         | 226,000    | 2,000                | —         | 10,000         | 2,000  |
| Cotton piece-goods ...                        | 13,468,000      | 12,249,000 | 1,732,000            | 1,526,000 | 39,000         | 46,000 |
| Yarn ...                                      | 964,000         | 630,000    | 183,000              | 190,000   | —              | —      |
| Sewing thread ...                             | 574,000         | 573,000    | 50,000               | 79,090    | —              | —      |
| Handkerchiefs ...                             | 110,000         | 103,000    | 22,000               | 22,000    | —              | —      |
| Sarongs and alendangs...                      | 575,000         | 947,000    | 763,000              | 1,080,000 | —              | —      |
| Cotton blankets ...                           | 117,000         | 153,000    | 140,000              | 180,000   | —              | —      |
| Hats and caps ...                             | 206,000         | 167,000    | 206,000              | 182,000   | —              | —      |
| Woollen blankets ...                          | 90,000          | 119,000    | 14,000               | 10,000    | —              | —      |
| Woollen cloth ...                             | 387,000         | 326,000    | 347,000              | 332,000   | —              | —      |

The imports of the principal metals and metal goods were as follow:—

|                                         | United Kingdom. |           | Continent of Europe. |           | United States. |         |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|
|                                         | 1903.           | 1904.     | 1903.                | 1904.     | 1903.          | 1904.   |
|                                         | Dols.           | Dols.     | Dols.                | Dols.     | Dols.          | Dols.   |
| Machinery and parts ...                 | 1,287,000       | 1,079,000 | 136,000              | 135,000   | 68,000         | 80,000  |
| Hardware and ironware                   | 1,795,000       | 1,637,000 | 1,140,000            | 1,372,000 | 103,000        | 94,000  |
| Iron bar and nail rod ...               | 266,000         | 266,000   | 159,000              | 175,000   | —              | —       |
| Corrugated iron ...                     | 535,000         | 470,000   | 5,000                | 2,000     | —              | —       |
| Steel ...                               | 349,000         | 325,000   | 271,000              | 245,000   | 2,000          | —       |
| Tinplates ...                           | 562,000         | 674,000   | —                    | —         | —              | —       |
| Tools and instruments...                | 218,000         | 174,000   | 82,000               | 74,000    | 24,000         | 31,000  |
| Gas and electric lighting materials ... | 112,000         | 257,000   | 5,000                | 10,000    | 7,000          | 7,000   |
| Telegraph and telephone materials ...   | 867,000         | 125,000   | 60,000               | 53,000    | —              | —       |
| Tramway and railway materials ...       | 39,000          | 918,000   | 187,000              | 128,000   | —              | —       |
| Total of all metals...                  | 6,904,000       | 6,772,000 | 2,671,000            | 2,719,000 | 294,000        | 255,000 |

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Among the principal **Miscellaneous** articles imported may be noted the following:—

|                                                           | United Kingdom. |         | Continent of Europe. |         | United States. |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
|                                                           | 1903.           | 1904.   | 1903.                | 1904.   | 1903.          | 1904.   |
|                                                           | Dols.           | Dols.   | Dols.                | Dols.   | Dols.          | Dols.   |
| Cement ... ..                                             | 395,000         | 447,000 | 163,000              | 450,000 | —              | —       |
| Earthenware and crockeryware ... ..                       | 123,000         | 114,000 | 211,000              | 358,000 | —              | —       |
| Fancy goods, including sporting materials and toys ... .. | 169,000         | 116,000 | 141,000              | 149,000 | 10,000         | 3,000   |
| Glassware ... ..                                          | 175,000         | 150,000 | 398,000              | 384,000 | 5,000          | 1,000   |
| Lamps and lampware ... ..                                 | 136,000         | 165,000 | 181,000              | 280,000 | 16,000         | 24,000  |
| Boots and shoes ... ..                                    | 147,000         | 155,000 | 25,000               | 32,000  | 9,000          | 8,000   |
| Leatherware and saddlery ... ..                           | 112,000         | 105,000 | 112,000              | 131,000 | 16,000         | 13,000  |
| Paints and dyes ... ..                                    | 528,000         | 581,000 | 269,000              | 252,000 | 2,000          | 33,000  |
| Paper and stationery ... ..                               | 494,000         | 425,000 | 667,000              | 604,000 | 34,000         | 30,000  |
| Soap and soda ... ..                                      | 374,000         | 365,000 | 21,000               | 20,000  | 9,000          | 6,000   |
| Perfumery... ..                                           | 194,000         | 114,000 | 386,000              | 344,000 | 10,000         | 23,000  |
| Candles ... ..                                            | 23,000          | 24,000  | 159,000              | 149,000 | 2,000          | —       |
| Carriages and carriage materials ... ..                   | 146,000         | 163,000 | 20,000               | 42,000  | 35,000         | 57,000. |

### ARCTIC SEA ROUTE TO SIBERIA AND THE YENISEI FREE PORT.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 182 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th July, the following memorandum on the subject of the Arctic Sea Route to Siberia and the Yenisei free port has been received from the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. Henry Cooke):—

"The Moscow evening edition of the 'Novoe Vremia' of 12/25th July states that the Ministry of Ways has purchased in German ports a considerable number of river tugs and big barges for the purpose of forwarding supplies to the Far East by the Northern Sea route. These vessels under the command of Russian captains, together with sea-going steamers chartered abroad with Government cargoes, will sail *via* the Polar Ocean and the Kara Sea to the mouths of the Yenisei. Near Brekhovski Island, situated in the lower part of the Yenisei, the sea-going steamers will discharge into the barges, the latter being then towed to Krassnoyarsk (which the main Siberian railway passes). The well-known Captain Wiggins will have the chief command of this expedition which, through the Kara Sea, will be accompanied by the Russian Government ships 'Lieutenant Ovtsein,' 'Paktusoff' and 'Lieutenant Skuridin.' Two ice-breakers from the Baltic will also accompany the expedition.

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"The 'Sibirski Viestnik' of Tomsk of 29th June/12th July alludes to the same subject in a leading article on the Yenisei free port, with the closing of which a year or two ago 'vanished so many Siberian trade hopes.' The free port is now again re-established 'for cargoes destined for the troops and for the Siberian Railway, and with respect to articles of consumption of first necessity for the local population,—the Ministry of Finance to publish detailed lists of the said cargoes and articles and to take measures for the widest possible publication of these dispositions in home and foreign trade centres.'

"On the whole extent of the Yenisei there are but 17 steamers, many of them totally unsuited for navigation on the lower stretches of the river. Such phenomenal prices, too, were asked by these ships for transporting goods from the mouths of the river that the Government was forced to organise a river flotilla of its own, hence 25 steamers have been bought at Hamburg. These will arrive at the mouths of the Yenisei in August."

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#### SYNDICATES IN GERMANY.

The following particulars regarding syndicates in Germany during the year 1904, are extracted from the report of Mr. Francis Oppenheimer, H.M. Consul-General at Frankfurt-on-Main:—

"German industry still stands under the sign of the syndicates; the year under review has witnessed a larger series of new combinations than any previous year. The coal syndicate has been renewed until 1915; the Kali Syndicate, which is the oldest in Germany, and the possible continuance of which was more than problematical, has been renewed on a fresh basis; of particular importance is also the foundation of the Stahlwerks-Verband (Steelwork syndicate). After considerable difficulty this syndicate was finally constituted in February, 1904. In it were merged the Halbzeug-Verband (syndicate of half-finished goods), the German Syndicate of Rail and Sleeper Manufacturers, as well as the Girder Syndicate, the produce of which is sold by the Stahlwerks-Verband as Group A. Group B of the same syndicate is to comprise finished goods, such as bar iron, shaped iron, tubes, gas pipes and sheets, which are at present still pre-eminently sold by the individual works themselves. The Stahlwerks-Verband also succeeded in founding an International Syndicate for the sale of steel rails. Concerning the sale of girders, an international arrangement was come to with Belgium and France. The working of the Stahlwerks-Verband, however, as intended by its founders, still meets with considerable difficulty. . . .

"A renewal of the Sheet Iron Syndicate has not yet been achieved; on the other hand the beginning of 1905 witnessed a selling union for shipbuilding material. The tendency towards



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syndication was particularly lively in the cement industry. On 1st January, 1904, the South German Cement Syndicate came into existence; this was followed in October by a syndicate of the Middle German Cement Works, by the Rhenish-Westphalian Cement Syndicate, by a price syndicate among the cement factories on the Lower Elbe, by a convention of the Hanoverian cement factories. There also exists a syndicate of the cement factories of Upper Silesia, but efforts to combine them all in one large syndicate have not yet been successful. The endeavours also to bring about a combination of the various groups of leather industries, though they have continued very lively for a long period, have so far remained abortive; they have failed chiefly owing to the contrast between the larger and the smaller works, and owing to the difference of quality in the various manufactures; so far there exists only a syndicate of the various horse-hide tanneries. At the beginning of the year the business of the match factories was anything but satisfactory, as the various works competed very keenly against one another; the prices in consequence were very low. A union of the German safety-match manufacturers was subsequently founded, which immediately raised the prices by 10 per cent., so that business again became profitable. The success of this union led to its conversion into a syndicate, which was prolonged until 1912. The German type-foundries also formed a syndicate, which comprises all German foundries except five. The renewal of the Coal Syndicate led to great activity in the mining industries, for in the new contract the mixed concerns—mines and foundries combined—claimed and were granted the valuable privilege by which the amount of coal used in own concerns remained outside the calculation of the figure of participation. This, on the one hand, led the mines to seek out foundries with which they could combine, and on the other hand led foundries to seek out mines, the combination with which would render their supplies of coal independent of the syndicate; the consequent combinations did not remain without a marked effect upon the Stock Exchange.

There were noteworthy amalgamations, too, in the chemical and in the electrical industries. All these concentrations necessitated increased capital, and thus established a closer connection between industry and banking. The closeness of this connection has already been proved at the formation of the *Stahlwerks-Verband*, for the banks there forced the important *Phœnix Works* to join the combination, though the directorate of the *Phœnix* had decided to remain outside this syndicate. The industrial combinations, on the other hand, forced the banks to an increase of their capital, which was, as a rule, achieved by combinations between various banking institutions—such banking combinations having already received an impetus from the Stock Exchange legislation, as has been pointed out in previous reports. As a result of the banking combinations the centre of gravity of the money market is gradually being shifted from the Stock Exchange to the board room of the bank." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,445.)

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

A copy of Supplement No. 46 to the Customs Tariff Guide, dated 16th June, 1905, has been received, containing Customs decisions relating to the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into the Australian Commonwealth.

The following are the principal decisions given :—

| Articles and how classed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Rates of Import<br>Duty. |
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| *Apron cloth (printed material, with border and designs for pockets and bits ready for cutting out)—<br>If invoiced or ordinarily sold, singly or by number, as apparel and attire and articles, n.e.i. ... ..                                                                    | 25 % <i>ad val.</i>      |
| Otherwise—<br>Of cotton, as piece-goods, cotton and linen ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5 % "                    |
| " wool or containing wool, as piece-goods, woollen, n.e.i. ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 15 % "                   |
| " silk or containing silk, as piece-goods, silk ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15 % "                   |
| *Apron dowlas, with embroidery thereon, in the piece, with divisional patterns or marks showing where the material is to be cut, or in any way defined for cutting off—<br>If invoiced or ordinarily sold, singly or by number, as apparel and attire and articles, n.e.i. ... .. | 25 % "                   |
| Otherwise—<br>Of cotton, as piece-goods, cotton and linen ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5 % "                    |
| " wool or containing wool, as piece-goods, woollen, n.e.i. ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 15 % "                   |
| " silk or containing silk, as piece-goods, silk ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15 % "                   |
| Blinds in the piece, with divisional patterns or marks showing where the material is to be cut or in any way defined for cutting off—<br>If invoiced or ordinarily sold, singly or by number, as cosies, cushions, &c. ... ..                                                     | 20 % "                   |
| Otherwise—<br>Of cotton, as piece-goods, cotton and linen ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5 % "                    |
| " wool or containing wool, as piece-goods, woollen, n.e.i. ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 15 % "                   |
| " silk or containing silk, as piece-goods, silk ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15 % "                   |
| Boots and shoes—<br>White canvas boots with vulcanised soles, known as "Balmoral"—<br>As boots and shoes, n.e.i. ... ..                                                                                                                                                           | 25 % "                   |
| White canvas shoes, with vulcanised soles—<br>As rubber sand shoes ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 20 % "                   |
| *Boxes or cartoons, cardboard—<br>When printed or lithographed with name of specific article for which only the box is suitable ( <i>e.g.</i> , cigarettes)—<br>As stationery, manufactured ... ..                                                                                | 25 % <i>ad val.</i>      |
| <i>Note.</i> —The addition of the name and address of merchant does not alter this classification.                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
| When printed or lithographed with name and address of merchant, and not having reference to any specific article, but suitable for use for various contents—<br>As paper, advertising matter ... ..                                                                               | 3 <i>d.</i> per lb.      |

\* Revised decision.

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| Articles and how classed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Rates of Import Duty. |
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| *Curtains in the piece, with lace, frilling, or similar additional material sewn thereto—<br>As curtains ... ..                                                                                                                                                                          | 15 % <i>ad val.</i>   |
| *Curtain material, cotton, linen, or muslin, in the piece, tasselled, whipped or taped—<br>As piece-goods, cotton and linen ... ..                                                                                                                                                       | 5 % "                 |
| *Handkerchiefs, in the piece, with divisional patterns or marks showing where the material is to be cut, or in any way defined for cutting off—<br>If invoiced or ordinarily sold singly or by number—<br>Cotton and linen, as apparel, towels and handkerchiefs (cotton or linen)... .. | 15 % "                |
| Silk, as apparel and attire, and articles, n.e.i. ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 25 % "                |
| Otherwise—<br>Cotton, as piece goods, cotton and linen ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5 % "                 |
| Silk or containing silk, as piece-goods, silk ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 15 % "                |
| Hats and caps—<br>Salvation army caps—<br>As hats and caps, sewn ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 30 % "                |
| *Piece goods—<br>Towels and other articles defined by fringes are not piece-goods.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |

\* Revised decision.

The "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 17th June last also contains a notice that, in accordance with the provisions of Customs Regulation No. 131, a drawback of duty may be allowed on plate glass, cut and bevelled in the Commonwealth, upon the exportation of such plate glass—provided that in each case, before drawback is allowed, the collector shall be absolutely satisfied that the drawback claimed is properly due, and may, if he think necessary, require the manufacture to take place under the supervision of an officer.

The "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 24th June last contains two bye-laws, dated the 15th and 16th of June, 1905, which provide respectively for the free importation of bookbinders' tape for use in the manufacture of books, and coat "hangers," or labels, for use in the manufacture of apparel within the Commonwealth.

With reference to notices which have appeared in the issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 1st December, 1904, and 9th March last, relative to the payment in this country of the Customs duty on price lists and catalogues forwarded by post to Australia, in view of references that have been made, and questions that have been asked in the House of Commons, and elsewhere, it may

**Additions to Free List.**

**Arrangement for Transmission of Duty on Catalogues and Advertising Matter.**

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#### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH**—*continued.*

be well to revert again to the arrangements which are in force for payment by exporters of the duty of 3*d.* per lb. which is levied on price lists and catalogues.

The Federal authorities have notified, under date of 28th February, 1905, that exporters may, if they so desire, weigh the catalogues in bulk before posting, assess the duty at 3*d.* per lb., and remit the amount involved to the Deputy Postmasters-General of the States to which the catalogues are despatched; also that it is desirable that the amount of the duty should be forwarded, if possible, by the mail preceding that by which the catalogues are conveyed, and in order that the Australian postal officials may easily identify the catalogues on which duty has been paid the covers should be distinctly marked "Duty forwarded by post."

The Board of Trade have received from the Agent-General for New South Wales a copy of a notice to intending exporters of dogs to New South Wales. All dogs exported to New South Wales are required to be inspected by a veterinary surgeon before shipment, and in cases where dogs are shipped from ports where veterinary inspectors have been appointed by the Government of New South Wales, the services of those officers are to be utilised.

Particulars relating to the Acts and Regulations may be obtained from the Agent-General for New South Wales, who will furnish the names and addresses of the Government veterinary inspectors on application.

**Regulation  
affecting impor-  
tation of Dogs  
into New South  
Wales.**

#### **NATAL.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the "Natal Government Gazette" for 12th July last, containing a Proclamation removing the suspension of Customs duties in Natal on "fresh, chilled and frozen meat, and on animals imported for slaughter."

The following are the duties which are now leviable under the Customs Union and Customs Duties Act, 1903:—

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fresh, chilled and frozen meat ... | 1 <i>d.</i> per lb. |
| Cattle for slaughter ... ..        | 30 <i>s.</i> each.  |
| Sheep for slaughter ... ..         | 5 <i>s.</i> "       |

These duties have been in suspense since August, 1903, but as a consequence of the foregoing Proclamation they have been put into force as from the 13th July, 1905.

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**SOUTHERN RHODESIA.**

A copy of the "British South African Colonial Government Gazette" for 9th June last has been received, which contains a Government Notice (No. 130 of 1905) notifying that the provisions of Government Notice No. 201 of 1903, suspending the Customs duties on certain articles imported into Southern Rhodesia, ceased to operate on 30th June, 1905. It is, however, provided that the duty imposed upon "fresh, chilled, and frozen meat and animals for slaughter," remain suspended in accordance with Article 13 of the Customs Union Convention of 1903.

**Termination of Suspension of Freight Duties on Certain Articles.**

NOTE.—The effect of the above Government Notice will be to impose the South African Customs Union rates of duty on the following goods imported into the territory of Southern Rhodesia, viz.:—Corn, blasting compounds, butter and butter substitutes, candles, cheese, chicory (and substitutes for chicory or coffee), coffee, condensed milk, fish, dried fruits, galvanised corrugated iron, oils (not essential or perfumed), onions, pickles, rice, sugar, tea, vegetables (preserved), and unmanufactured wood (including planed, tongued, or grooved, plain boards unshaped).

The same issue of the "Gazette" contains a further Government Notice (No. 131 of 1905), dated 8th June, 1905, notifying the imposition of special additional duties (over and above the ordinary duties) on bounty-fed sugar imported from various countries into Rhodesia.

**Special Additional Duties on Bounty-fed Sugar.**

The rates of such special duties are the same as those in Natal, the details of which were published on p. 406 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 2nd March, 1905.

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**BAHAMAS.**

The Board of Trade have received, from the Colonial Secretary of the Bahamas, a copy of the "Tariff Amendment (Breeds Improvement) Act, 1905" (No. 6 of 1905), which was assented to by the Governor on 18th April last, with a view to the improvement of breeds of live stock in the Colony.

**Free Importation of Certain Live Stock.**

The present Act provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Tariff Acts, 1895 to 1900, all stallions, bulls, rams and poultry may, from the above date, be imported free of duty into the Bahama Islands.

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**NORWAY.**

With reference to previous notices which have appeared in the "Journal" relative to the revision of the Norwegian Customs Tariff and the temporary enforcement of a Provisional Tariff\* in Norway, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, the complete text of the revised Tariff as finally adopted by the Storting. This Tariff, which is in the main identical with the Provisional Tariff above referred to, came into force on the 8th August in the five Southern Provinces, and on the 11th August in Tromsøe.

The Board hope to publish a complete translation of the new Tariff shortly, but in the meantime a copy in the original Norwegian may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**SWITZERLAND.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 597 of the "Journal" for the 29th December last, relative to the proposed prolongation for a period of ten years from the 19th July, 1904, of the exemption from duty accorded to rails for the construction of new lines of railway in Switzerland, it may be noted that the Italian "Bollettino di Legislazione e Statistica Doganale e Commerciale" for May states that the Swiss Federal Council have issued a Decree giving effect to the proposal in question. This Decree was to come into force on the 15th April last.

According to the same publication, the Federal Council have issued a further Decree, dated 4th April, 1905, providing that all rails imported shall pay the import duty leviable under the Tariff, and that this shall afterwards be reimbursed on the basis of the documents proving the payment of the duty.

Rails for service tracks ("*binari di servizio*") do not enjoy exemption from Customs duty.

The reimbursement of duties paid shall be granted only in respect of rails destined for the construction of new lines of railway, and not rails destined for the reconstruction or extension of existing lines.

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\* See the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 18th May, 1905, and following issues.

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#### SPAIN.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 1st August contains a Royal Decree notifying that the average rate of exchange (premium of exchange on Paris) during the second fortnight of July was 32·32 per cent., and that the corresponding reduction in payments of Customs duties which have to be made in gold during the first fortnight of the present month is to be 24 per cent.

**Rate of Exchange  
for Adjustment  
of Customs Duties  
payable in Gold.**

#### ITALY.

With reference to the notices which have appeared in the last two issues of the "Journal," the following is a translation of a further portion of the schedule of the conventional duties to be levied on German imports into Italy attached to the new Commercial Treaty between Italy and Germany, which is to take effect, as regards imports into Italy, from the 31st March next.

| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                 | Rate of Duty.                           |                                                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                           | At present.                             | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|               |                                                                                                           | Lire Cts.                               | Lire Cts.                                                   |
| <i>Ex</i> 157 | Mixed tissues containing not less than 12 per cent. and not more than 50 per cent. of silk or floss silk— |                                         |                                                             |
| (b)           | Coloured—                                                                                                 | <i>Per kilog.</i>                       | <i>Per kilog.</i>                                           |
|               | 1. Plain ... ..                                                                                           | 4 00                                    | 5 00                                                        |
|               | 2. Figured ... ..                                                                                         | 5 00                                    | 8 00                                                        |
| <i>Ex</i> 159 | Tissues of silk or floss silk, embroidered—                                                               |                                         |                                                             |
| (b)           | In lock-stitch ... ..                                                                                     | { Duty on the tissue+3 lire per kilog.* | { Duty on the tissue+3 lire per kilog.                      |

\* This is the duty leviable under the General Tariff. In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, the following duties are at present leviable on the tissues specified—

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |       |
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| 159 (b)—1. Tissues included under Nos. 156 and 157 imported by the yard (bands and insertions, flounces, galloons, and "motifs" with the ends joined or not, with or without applications, and the like); pocket handkerchiefs, with or without monograms ...                           | kilog. | 6 50  |
| 2. Chemical lace ( <i>dentelles chimiques, broderies aeriennes</i> ), even if a ground tissue of any material (even tulle) is visible in parts of the interior of the design ... ..                                                                                                     | "      | 6 00  |
| 3. Tissues included under Nos. 156 and 157, imported in the form of articles of determinate shape and dimensions, for the manufacture of articles of clothing (lengths for dresses, skirts or blouses; collars, neckties, sleeves, aprons, caps, fichus, &c.) without needlework ... .. | "      | 6 50  |
| 4. Embroidered silk tulles ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | "      | 12 00 |

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#### ITALY—continued.

| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Rate of Duty.                                                                       |                                                                          |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | At Present.                                                                         | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty.              |
| <i>Ex</i> 160 | Velvets and plushes of silk or floss silk                                                                                                                                                                   | Lire Cts.<br><i>Per kilog.</i>                                                      | Lire Cts.<br><i>Per kilog.</i>                                           |
| (a)           | Plain ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                | 9 00                                                                                | 9 00                                                                     |
| 161           | Velvets, mixed, containing not less than 12 per cent. and not more than 50 per cent. of silk or floss silk—                                                                                                 |                                                                                     |                                                                          |
| (a)           | Plain ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                | 7 00                                                                                | 7 00                                                                     |
| (b)           | Figured ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10 00                                                                               | 10 00                                                                    |
| <i>Ex</i> 164 | Galloons and ribbons of silk or floss silk mixed with other textile materials, containing not less than 12 per cent. and not more than 50 per cent. of silk or floss silk ...                               | 5 00†<br>6 00‡                                                                      | Duty on the tissue + 3 lire per kilog.                                   |
|               | Trimnings of the textile materials of category viii. ( <i>i.e.</i> silk) ... ..                                                                                                                             | { Duty on the tissue + 3 lire per kilog. \|\|<br>Dutiable as ribbons (see also below) |                                                                          |
| 165           | Plaits and strips for hats, of gummed silk threads, even with warp of cotton or hair threads, combined or not with threads of ramie, hair or metal ...                                                      | 2 00*                                                                               | Dutiable as ribbons.                                                     |
|               | Trimnings, the external part of which is composed of silk or silk waste, or of wool, cotton, linen, hemp or other vegetable fibre with silk or silk waste, in a proportion of less than 12 per cent. ... .. | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>300 00¶                                                   |                                                                          |
| 168           | Sewn articles of the textile materials of category viii ( <i>i.e.</i> , silk) :—                                                                                                                            |                                                                                     |                                                                          |
| (a)           | Fichus, scarves and handkerchiefs, black or coloured, of tissue of silk or floss silk, figured or not, hemmed, bound or furnished with fringes ... ..                                                       | { Duty on the tissue + 20 per cent.<br>Duty on the tissue + 40 per cent. †          | { Duty on the tissue + 20 per cent.<br>Duty on the tissue + 40 per cent. |
| (b)           | Other ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                     |                                                                          |

\* Under new Treaty with Switzerland.

† Black ribbons.

‡ Coloured ribbons.

|| Galloons (General Tariff rate).

¶ Under agreement with France.

† In virtue of the new treaty with Switzerland, Swiss jackets of *crêpe de santé* of silk or floss silk, pure or mixed with other textile materials, pay 5 lire per kilog., plus the surtax for sewing, *i.e.* 40 per cent. The surtax for sewing on handkerchiefs, flounces and other similar articles, embroidered, merely hemmed, under the same treaty, is 0.50 lire per kilog. and on certain other articles (for list of which see p. 364 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 23rd February last, and relative note) 25 per cent.



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| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Rate of Duty.          |                                                             |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | At present.            | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Lire Cts.              | Lire Cts.                                                   |
| <i>Ex</i> 176 | Furniture and parts of furniture, rough or finished :—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                        |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> (a) | Not upholstered :—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                        |                                                             |
|               | 2. Other (i.e. other than of common bent wood), of common wood ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                                      |
|               | <i>Note.</i> —Furniture of common unbent wood, not upholstered, is dutiable under No. 176 (a) 2, even if turned, veneered with common wood, perforated, or with ornaments stamped or obtained by means of the grooving machine, and combined with braids of straw, cane and the like, provided such furniture be not carved. Furniture of common unbent wood, not upholstered, with usual non-ornamental accessories of common metals, nickelled or not, is also included under No. 176 (a) 2. | 13 00                  | 13 00                                                       |
|               | 3. Of cabinet-makers' wood ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 50 00                  | 50 00                                                       |
|               | 4. Veneered, carved or inlaid ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 50 00                  | 50 00                                                       |
| <i>Ex</i> 177 | Frames and moulding for frames, of wood—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                             |
| (b)           | Varnished, gilt or silvered ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 60 00                  | 60 00                                                       |
| 178           | Implements, utensils, and various manufactures of common wood :—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                        |                                                             |
| (a)           | Plain ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6 00*                  | 6 00                                                        |
| (b)           | Polished or painted ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 13 00*                 | 13 00                                                       |
|               | <i>Note.</i> —Shovels; pitchforks; rakes; plates, spoons, dishes, and other household articles; handles of utensils or instruments, with or without iron rings; common wooden clogs; and articles for drawing (boards, rulers, and the like), are included under No. 178 (a) or (b) according to the nature of the article.                                                                                                                                                                    |                        |                                                             |
|               | Articles classed under No. 178 are admitted at the rates specified therein even if furnished with iron fittings, hoops, or other accessories of common metal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |                                                             |

\* In virtue of the new treaty with Switzerland, framed slates, ruled or not, pay 4 lire per 100 kilogs.; and spindles and bobbins, of common or of cabinet makers' wood, even if composed of several kinds of wood, plain, polished, painted, varnished, &c., or with metal fittings, pay 7 lire per 100 kilogs.

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| Tariff No.                     | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Rate of Duty.                                   |                                                                    |
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|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | At Present.                                     | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty.        |
| 179                            | Small wooden wares ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —Wooden buttons of all kinds are classed as wooden manufactures, according to the nature of the manufacture.<br>Buttons of corozo and wooden pipe stems of all kinds, with mouth pieces of bone, horn, or wood, are dutiable as small wooden wares.                                                                                                                                                                                     | Lire. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>50 00*  | Lire Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>50 00                       |
| 180                            | Toys of wood ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 60 00                                           | 60 00                                                              |
| <i>Ex 182</i><br><i>Ex (a)</i> | Ordinary carriages—<br>Velocipedes, other than those with motors—<br>1. With two wheels ... ..<br>2. With three wheels ... ..<br>3. Detached parts of velocipedes<br><i>Note.</i> —Bicycle frames pay the same duty as complete bicycles.<br>Unworked parts of iron or steel are treated as manufactures of iron or steel according to kind.                                                                                                                                      | <i>Each.</i><br>42 00<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> | <i>Each.</i><br>35 00<br>42 00<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>100 00 |
| <i>Ex 185</i><br><i>(b)</i>    | Basket, and mat-makers' wares—<br>Fine ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —Fine basket-makers' wares are included under No. 185 (b), even when provided with common non-ornamental accessories of common metal, nickelled or not, as also fine basket-makers' wares in combination with straw, bast, raphia, esparto, reeds, palm leaves, laces, cords, and other articles of textile material, provided they be not trimmed inside, nor padded, or upholstered with these textile materials. | 30 00                                           | 30 00                                                              |
| <i>Ex 190</i><br><i>(a)</i>    | Wood pulp<br>Cellulose ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Free                                            | Free                                                               |
| <i>Ex 191</i><br><i>Ex (a)</i> | Paper<br>White or dyed in the pulp:<br>1. Unruled, of all kinds ... ..<br>Coloured, gilt or painted, and wall paper (including bleached paper for lithography and photography) ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>12 50<br>40 00        | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>12 50<br>40 00                           |

\* Under the Agreement with France, wooden penholders, with or without metal tips, and wooden buttons, pay 40 lire per 100 kilogs.

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ITALY—continued.

| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Rate of Duty.                                                 |                                                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | At present.                                                   | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty.   |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                                 | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                                 |
| <i>Ex</i> 191 | Paper ( <i>continued</i> )—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                               |                                                               |
| <i>Ex</i> (d) | Packing paper of mechanical wood pulp, steamed, of natural brown colour, even smoothed in any manner on one or both sides (excluding paper in rolls) ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3 00                                                          | 5 00                                                          |
| <i>Ex</i> (d) | Paper for smoothing, polishing, or removing rust, and slate paper ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3 00                                                          | 8 00                                                          |
| 193           | Prints, lithographs and advertisement cards ( <i>cartelli</i> ), including chromo-lithographs ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 75 00*                                                        | 75 00                                                         |
| <i>Ex</i> 194 | Cardboard—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Duty on paper according to kind.                              | Duty on paper according to kind.                              |
| (b)           | Fine... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                               |                                                               |
|               | <i>Note</i> .—Cardboard trimmed at the edges, in rectangular form, is dutiable under No. 194.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                               |                                                               |
| 195           | Manufactures of paper and cardboard—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                               |                                                               |
| (a)           | Spindles and bobbins for spinning and weaving ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 30 00                                                         | 30 00                                                         |
| (b)           | Not specially mentioned—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Duty on cardboard according to kind + 12 lire per 100 kilogs. | Duty on cardboard according to kind + 12 lire per 100 kilogs. |
|               | 1. Cardboard cut in pieces or folded for cardboard wares ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                               |                                                               |
|               | 2. Buttons of <i>papier maché</i> and similar materials ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                               |                                                               |
|               | 3. Other ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 50 00                                                         | 50 00                                                         |
|               | <i>NOTE</i> .—Articles of paper and cardboard, with accessories of other materials, which the Repertory at present in force groups under No. 195, and paper collars, &c., even with imitation sewing produced by dry pressing, and covered on one or both sides with cotton tissue (provided the tissue does not amount to 50 per cent. of the total weight), are included amongst manufactures of paper and cardboard. | 70 00                                                         | 70 00                                                         |

\* In virtue of the Agreement with France, maps on paper or cardboard, in sheets or stitched in atlases are duty free; maps on paper lined with tissue, with or without wooden rods, or bound in atlases, pay 30 lire per 100 kilogs.

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| Tariff No.           | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Rate of Duty.                                                                     |                                                                       |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | At Present.                                                                       | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty.           |
| 196<br><i>Ex (a)</i> | Books—<br>Printed—<br><i>Ex</i> 1. With mixed text (Italian and another language) in loose sheets or simply stitched<br>2. In languages other than Italian, in loose sheets or simply stitched ...<br>3. Bound in any manner ...<br><i>Note.</i> —Printed books ornamented with plain lines or vignettes for separating the chapters or headings, are not subject on account of such lines, &c., to a higher duty. | Lire. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br><br>Free<br><br>Free<br>15*<br>12†<br>20‡ | Lire. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br><br>Free<br><br>Free<br>20 00 |

\* Books of devotion.

† Books printed in French, with covers and backs of cardboard, even covered with tissue or paper, and with the title printed on the outside of the cover.

‡ Other bound books.

(To be continued.)

**GREECE.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Greek law, dated 17th/30th July, 1905, effecting the following changes in the Customs Tariff of Greece. In accordance with the provisions of the Customs Law, the new duties are made applicable from the date of the introduction of the Bill in the Chamber of Deputies, i.e., from the 12th/25th July:—

| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Former Duties.     | Present Duties.    |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12         | Fish called "Enos"; sturgeon, mussels, shrimps, lobsters, tunny fish in small tins, barrels, &c., and all other kinds of fish in tins, prepared for consumption, <i>excepting sardines in tins</i> ...                                                         | Drachmas (specie). | Drachmas (specie). |
| 19         | Wheat and meslin in the grain ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 100 okes 200-00    | 100 okes 100-00    |
| 21 (a)     | Flour of wheat, with or without bran ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | " 4-11             | " 6-11             |
|            | <i>Note.</i> —The increases of duty on these articles (Nos. 19 and 21a) under the present Law shall not be taken into account for the purpose of assessing port dues on the importation of wheat and meslin in grain, and flour of wheat with or without bran. | " 6-50             | " 9-50             |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***GREECE—continued.**

| Tariff No.   | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Former Duties.     | Present Duties.    |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Drachmas (specie). | Drachmas (specie). |
| 23 (a)       | Rice, glazed. Carolina Diamanti of Italy, Carolina Diamanti of Japan, Carolina Diamanti of Java and unglazed of Genoa (Camolino, A and B) ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 100 okes 15-00     | 100 okes 20-00     |
| (b)          | Rice of Hamburg, glazed, as well as rice of England, unglazed, and any other rice not included in paragraph a ...<br>[Note.—Tariff No. 23b (Chestnuts) of the Tariff thus becomes 23c.]                                                                                                                                                                                | " 15-00            | " 15-00            |
| 43 (b)       | Cocoa-oil ... ..<br>Note.—That kind of cocoa-oil known as walnut-oil is excepted, being exclusively used by the perfumed soap manufacturers of the country. It will be imported free of duty, but will not be delivered before being mixed so as to become useless for any other purpose. Regulations respecting this admixture will be established by a Royal Decree. | " 30-00            | " 90-00            |
| 60 (a)       | Acorn cups ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | } Free. }          | " 10-00            |
| (b)          | Tree bark and all other vegetable substances used in tanning ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                    | Free.              |
| 87           | Colours and varnishes prepared with oil; and blacking [without deduction of tare for the receptacles in which they are contained]* ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 100 okes 50-00     | No change.         |
| 99           | Ceresin, paraffin, stearine, and all artificial waxy substances [without deduction of tare for the receptacles in which they are contained]* ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | " 120-00           | "                  |
| 300 (a)      | } Printing paper, glazed or unglazed ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | " 20-00†           | 100 okes 30-00     |
| (b)          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | " 30-00‡           |                    |
| 300 (c)      | } Printing paper exclusively for printing newspapers, common, unglazed ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | " 10 00            | " 5-00             |
| [now 300(b)] |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | " 10 00            | " 5-00             |
| 319 (c)      | Hand carriages and velocipedes ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Each 10-00         | Each 20-00         |
| 338 (c)      | Revolvers ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | " 8-00             | " 3-00             |

\* The words in square brackets are added by the Law.

† Unglazed.

‡ Glazed.

**PERSIA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the duty on dates imported into Persia has been reduced to 10 per cent. *ad val.*

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*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

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**CHILE.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 364 of the "Journal" for the 26th May, 1904, on the subject of Chilean regulations respecting the importation and exportation of wines and spirits, the "Diario Oficial" for the 10th June last, contains the text of revised regulations governing these matters. These regulations (in Spanish) may be seen by persons interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

**Revised  
Regulations  
respecting the  
Importation and  
Exportation of  
Wines and  
Spirits.**

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**COLOMBIA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Colombian Minister of Finance has decided that, for the purpose of the Consular certification of ships' manifests in accordance with Article 10 of the Customs Law\* now in force, the term "package" shall, in the case of goods shipped unpacked, such as tiles, bricks, timber, coal, and other materials for construction, be taken as equivalent to 1,000 kilogrammes, instead of 80 kilogrammes as heretofore.

**Consular  
Certification of  
Manifests—  
Unpacked Goods.**

\* Article 10 of the Colombian Customs Law provides that fees for the certification of manifests shall be charged by Consuls at the rate of 15 pesos for the first 100 packages, and 3 pesos for each succeeding 100 packages or fraction of a hundred. (*See the "Board of Trade Journal" for 11th May last, p. 265.*)

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Colombian Government have imposed an export duty on vegetable ivory at the rate of 1s. 3d. per cwt., and on logs of wood at the rate of 4s. for the first ton and 8s. for every additional ton.

**Export Duty on  
Vegetable Ivory  
and Wood.**

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of the Tariff of excise duties (*impuesto interno*) which were to be levied from the 20th June last on cigars, cigarettes and manufactured tobaccos imported into the Argentine Republic.

**Excise Duty on  
Imported  
Manufactured  
Tobacco.**

A copy of this Tariff may be consulted by persons interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### CANADA—MEXICO.

Adverting to the notice in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10th November, 1904, p. 270, respecting the establishment of a steamship service from Vancouver to Mexico and the proposed establishment of an Atlantic service to the same country, a despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Legation in Mexico, reporting that all the preliminaries having been settled for the latter service, the first boat was arranged to leave Montreal on the 20th June.

The Elder-Dempster Company who are inaugurating this service, under subsidy of 50,000 dols. gold from each of the two Governments concerned, have announced that they will employ three boats of nearly 3,000 tons gross, capable of ten knots an hour. The boats will sail monthly from Montreal, and will take about three weeks to reach Veracruz. They will also touch at Charlotte-town, Halifax, Nassau, Havana, Progreso, Tampico and Coatzacoalcas, but under the terms of the contract no freight may be carried on north bound trips from Cuba to Canada.

### RUSSIA.

Attention is directed to the recent report\* of the British Vice-Consul at Taganrog (Mr. W. H. Hunt), in which he recommends British shipowners, in order to avoid unnecessary expense, loss of time, as also a considerable amount of unpleasantness, to carefully study the conditions of that port in entering into freighting contracts with charterers there, and to revise the wording of charter parties, more particularly in relation to holidays, disputes, and the "strike clause." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,447.*)

### FRANCE.

A despatch has been received from H.M. Consul at Lisbon (Mr. H. M. Churchill) reporting the issue of a new tariff for passages from Paris to South America, being a combined rail and steamer ticket which allows passengers to travel by Sud express to Lisbon, and there embark on the Messageries Maritimes Line to any of their ports of call, notably Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Montevideo and Buenos Aires. The new tariff came into force on the 25th July last.

### BRAZIL.

H.M. Consul at Porto Alegre (Mr. A. Archer) reports, under date of 15th May, that a company called the Cruzeiro do Sul has been formed in Rio de Janeiro for the purpose of establishing a new line of coasting steamers, with headquarters in

\* Annual Series No. 3,447. Obtainable from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C., at a cost of 2d.

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Santos, to ply between the north of Brazil and the State of Rio Grande do Sul. The capital is 3,500,000 milreis, subscribed in Hamburg and Brazil, and four steamers have been ordered from Germany. They were expected to commence running about the middle of the current year. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,453.*)

#### **PANAMA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 226 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3rd August, relative to a report on the Panama Railway, H.M. Consul at Panama (Mr C. Mallet) states that on the 15th July the promised reduction in the local tariff rates for goods transported between all stations on the Panama Railway became effective.

Mr. Mallet has forwarded a tariff list issued by the Panama Railway Company, which contains a classification of the merchandise and fixes the rates. This list may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

The local railway management state that there has also been a proportionate reduction in the rates between New York and Panama, as well as for *through transit* rates between all points, but this information has not been made public on the Isthmus.

#### **JAPAN-COREA.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Minister at Seoul (Sir J. N. Jordan, K.C.M.G.) drawing attention to the rapidity with which the Japanese are bringing Korea into direct communication with Japan, and at the same time completing one of the few remaining links in the future highway of travel between the Far East and Europe. This is evidenced by the fact that the Sanyo Railway Company have placed two fast steamers on the line between Fushan and Shimonoseki.

These vessels, which are of sixteen hundred tons each, will perform the crossing in eight hours, and to prevent any delay to passengers at either end, all luggage will be examined on board by officers from the Japanese and Corean Customs specially deputed for the purpose. The arrangements for carrying and handling mails are reported to be exceptionally good.

Simultaneously with this step, sleeping cars are to be placed on the Seoul-Fusan Railway, and the journey from Seoul to Tokio will be comfortably performed almost without a break in about fifty-six hours.



## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### RUSSIA.

The British Vice-Consul at Kertch (Mr. R. Michell) reports that the Kertch Metallurgical Works, which closed in 1902 owing to want of capital (see notice on p. 512 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16th June, 1904), have found a purchaser in the Bryanski Iron-works Company, which obtained the works for the paltry sum of 60,000*l.*, or at less than half their estimated value.

It is possible, however, that the sale by auction will be declared null and void, and this valuable property will again be in the market. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,447.*)

### SPAIN.

H.M. Consul-General at Barcelona (Mr. J. F. Roberts) reports that, with only a few exceptions, the Barcelona manufacturers have not been purchasing a large quantity of machinery of late. The cotton and woollen mill owners have not done much more than replace worn out or antiquated pieces of machinery; however, a certain amount of spinning machinery has come forward, and in this branch the United Kingdom continues to maintain her pre-eminence, and has, indeed, no serious competitors, the attempts at constructing such machinery in Spain having resulted in failure. In the construction of weaving machinery progress continues to be made by the local makers. Some special looms are now and then imported, but if their use becomes at all general, the local makers soon take up their construction. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,460.*)

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The "Bulletin" of the American Iron and Steel Association of the 1st August, publishes the following statistics of the production of pig-iron in the United States of America during the first half of the current year, as compared with the first half of 1904:—

|                                                                                     | First Half of 1904. | First Half of 1905. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                                     | Tons of 2,240 lbs.  | Tons of 2,240 lbs.  |
| Bessemer pig-iron ... ..                                                            | 4,443,364           | 5,930,790           |
| Low phosphorus pig-iron ... ..                                                      | 87,582              | 77,637              |
| Basic pig-iron ... ..                                                               | 1,061,901           | 1,966,592           |
| Charcoal pig-iron ... ..                                                            | 213,356             | 170,512             |
| Spiegeleisen, ferro-manganese, ferro-phosphorus, and ferro-Bessemer pig-iron ... .. | 114,510             | 129,040             |
| Other kinds of pig-iron ... ..                                                      | 2,252,725           | 2,888,604           |
| Total ... ..                                                                        | 8,173,438           | 11,163,176          |

## YARNS AND TEXTILES.

### CHINA.

The Acting British Consul at Wuchow (Mr. F. E. Wilkinson) reports that nankeens woven from Indian yarn are very popular amongst the poorer classes in the province of Kwangsi, for, in spite of the large and increasing import of foreign piece-goods, nine-tenths of the people are too poor to wear anything but native cloth which, though not any cheaper than the foreign article, is far more durable and suitable for all seasons. A complete suit consisting of coat and trousers made to order costs about 3s., and worn daily will last a whole year. A couple of such suits, worn one over the other in winter, is about all the clothing the average peasant possesses. Many of them weave the cloth themselves from Indian yarn, but not to the same extent in Kwangsi as in other provinces owing to the laziness of the natives. It is probably for this reason that at the Industrial Institute at Wuchow the weaving of cloth has been the only industry of the many attempted which has been found to pay. It is produced at a cost of 1½d. a yard, 13 inches wide, and finds a ready sale at 1¾d. a yard. The weaving is done entirely by boys between 12 and 15 years of age. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,449.)

### JAPAN.

The Japanese Department of Agriculture and Commerce has issued a set of regulations for the purpose of correcting abuses with reference to the manufacture of "habutae" (silk tissues) for export, which are summarised below:—

**Excessive Weighting of Silk for Export.** The weight of "habutae" intended for export must not be increased by damping. In the manufacture of "habutae" none of the following articles may be used, viz., magnesium, salt and sugar. The Minister of Commerce and Industry is authorised to extend this list of prohibited materials. Goods manufactured contrary to these regulations may not be sold, transferred, or exported. Manufacturers must attach to every piece a label bearing the name of the manufacturer, where and when made, giving the year, month, and day, also the number of the piece. Each manufacturer is required to keep a record of every piece delivered, giving the year, month, and day of delivery, number of piece, and weight of the unfinished "habutae," and the year, month, and day when finished, the weight of the "habutae" after the process of finishing, and the weight of the goods when offered for sale. Each book must be kept at least a year after the last entry in it has been made. The firms engaged in the export of "habutae" are required to submit their books and stock to the inspection of officers authorised for that duty. Disregard of any of these regulations or false entries in books are punishable by a fine of at least 25 yen (2l. 10s.). The proprietor of an establishment will be held responsible for the acts of his agents or employees.

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 12th August 1905, were as follows:—

|        |     |     |     |      |      |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | 30s. | 5d.  |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | 22s. | 5d.  |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | 16s. | 11d. |

For further particulars see p. 326.

Statements are published on pp. 327-8, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the weeks ended the 5th and 12th August, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding weeks of 1904.

### BRITISH WEST AFRICA.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has decided that it is desirable to appoint an officer to examine and report upon questions relating to the development of the agricultural resources (including cotton) of British West Africa. He has selected Mr. Gerald Dudgeon for the new appointment, with the title of Superintendent of Agriculture for the British West African Colonies and Protectorates.

### DUTCH GUIANA.

H.M. Consul at Paramaribo (Mr. J. R. W. Pigott) reports that another new industry has recently been started in Dutch Guiana by a British syndicate, viz., the cultivation of sisal hemp. Up to the end of the year 1904 some 150 acres had been cleared and planted, and since then the acreage has been considerably increased. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,463.*)

### PERSIA.

In the course of a report, dated Bahramabad, 9th March, 1905, to the Upper India Chamber of Commerce, Mr. A. Gleadowe Newcomen, President of the Indian Commercial Mission to Persia, writes:—

“I have no doubt that Egyptian or Bombay cotton could be grown in Bam, Narmashir, Rudbar, and Jiruft, and, from what I hear, in the district of Minab. The summer is sufficiently long to enable the pods to ripen before the winter sets in. The soil is good and land ample. Given irrigation and an incentive to migrate to these parts, great development might be looked for. At present the country is inhabited sparsely by nomads who come down for the cold weather and retreat to the hills in summer, taking their flocks with them. If the Persian Government could be influenced for its good, and induced to carry out public works, the most important of which is irrigation, there would be an enormous change for the better in a very few years in poverty-stricken South-eastern Persia.”

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

A report published in the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" \* of the 16th August, based on 4,788 returns, viz.: 3,440 from Employers, or their Associations, 1,246 from Trade Unions, and 102 from other sources, states that employment in July was about the same as in June.

As compared with a year ago, employment in the majority of trades showed some improvement, especially in the metal, cotton, and woollen trades. In the building and jute trades there has been some decline.

In the 271 Trade Unions, with an aggregate membership of 576,472, making returns, 29,845 (or 5·2 per cent.) were reported as unemployed at the end of July, as compared with 5·2 per cent. at the end of June, and 6·1 per cent. at the end of July, 1904.

\* For list of principal contents of the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette," see p. 332.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of fish landed on the English and Welsh, Scotch, and Irish Coasts during the month and seven months ended 31st July, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the year 1904:—

|                           | Month of July. |         |           |         | Seven Months ended 31st July. |           |           |           |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                           | 1905.          |         | 1904.     |         | 1905.                         |           | 1904.     |           |
|                           | Quantity.      | Value.  | Quantity. | Value.  | Quantity.                     | Value.    | Quantity. | Value.    |
| <b>England and Wales—</b> |                |         |           |         |                               |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                |         |           |         |                               |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 784,376        | 449,377 | 618,779   | 366,879 | 5,217,620                     | 3,663,052 | 4,772,057 | 3,315,016 |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —              | 27,128  | —         | 57,467  | —                             | 181,149   | —         | 173,334   |
| Total Value ...           | —              | 476,505 | —         | 394,329 | —                             | 3,844,201 | —         | 3,488,350 |
| <b>Scotland—</b>          |                |         |           |         |                               |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                |         |           |         |                               |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 1,557,158      | 446,804 | 1,942,644 | 400,433 | 4,174,087                     | 1,442,858 | 4,418,110 | 1,347,937 |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —              | 4,976   | —         | 6,341   | —                             | 41,264    | —         | 44,698    |
| Total Value ...           | —              | 451,779 | —         | 406,774 | —                             | 1,484,112 | —         | 1,392,636 |
| <b>Ireland—</b>           |                |         |           |         |                               |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                |         |           |         |                               |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 48,250         | 18,594  | 51,138    | 20,669  | 405,183                       | 157,725   | 513,308   | 178,978   |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —              | 3,163   | —         | 1,628   | —                             | 8,944     | —         | 6,207     |
| Total Value ...           | —              | 21,757  | —         | 22,297  | —                             | 166,669   | —         | 185,185   |

NOTE.—All the above figures are subject to correction in the annual returns.

The total number of receiving orders gazetted in England and Wales during the month of July last was 337, as compared with 374 during July, 1904.

**Bankruptcy  
Statistics.**

For detailed particulars see pp. 330-31.

*Miscellaneous.***UNITED KINGDOM**—*continued.*

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 10th August, 1905, **Cotton Statistics.** was 28,109, and the number imported during the 32 weeks ended the 10th August was 2,549,555 (including 3,722 bales British West Indian and 2,430 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 10th August, 1905, 4,345 bales, and for the 32 weeks, 258,791.

For further details see p. 326.

**PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Consul-General at Lourenço Marques (Major J. G. Baldwin), reporting that a Decree has been published in the "Official Gazette" of the Province authorising the issue by the "Banco Nacional Ultramarino" (the National Colonial Bank) of notes for values of one, five and ten pounds sterling redeemable in English gold or in drafts on London at all branches of the bank in question, including its head office in Lisbon.

The amount of the issue is limited at present to 50,000*l.*, and the bank has to maintain at Lourenço Marques a gold reserve of at least one-third of the value of the notes issued.

At the same time, an order has been issued raising the licence payable by Money Exchange agents from 100*l.* to 200*l.* a year.

**BULGARIA.**

With reference to the notice which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd September, 1904, a notification has been received from the Bulgarian Chargé d'Affaires in London to the effect that a representative of the Co-operative Association of producers of attar of roses of Karlovo, Bulgaria, is now in London. One of the principal objects of the said association is to secure purity in the production of attar of roses.

**PERU.**

A communication received from H.M. Legation at Lima reports that the Municipality of Arequipa compels commercial travellers to take out licences for which a fee of 2*l.* 10*s.* per quarter is charged. The legality of this charge has been confirmed by the Peruvian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 32 Weeks ended 10th August, 1906 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>10th August,<br>1906. | 32 Weeks<br>ended<br>10th August,<br>1906. | Week ended<br>10th August,<br>1906. | 32 Weeks<br>ended<br>10th August,<br>1906. |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)                |                                            | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)                |                                            |
|                      | No.                                 | No.                                        | No.                                 | No.                                        |
| American ... ..      | 21,651                              | 2,130,043                                  | 3,784                               | 180,301                                    |
| Brazilian ... ..     | —                                   | 89,712                                     | —                                   | 549                                        |
| East Indian ... ..   | 811                                 | 36,667                                     | —                                   | 8,784                                      |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 4,707                               | 295,884                                    | 272                                 | 65,244                                     |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 940                                 | 47,240*                                    | 339                                 | 3,913                                      |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>28,109</b>                       | <b>2,549,555</b>                           | <b>4,345</b>                        | <b>258,791</b>                             |

\* Including 3,722 bales British West Indian and 2,430 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 12th August, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|                                     |        | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                     |        | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                                     |        | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| <b>Week ended 12th August, 1905</b> | ... .. | 30             | 5  | 22      | 5  | 16    | 11 |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>       |        |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1898 ... ..                         | ...    | 32             | 7  | 24      | 4  | 19    | 11 |
| 1899 ... ..                         | ...    | 24             | 7  | 26      | 11 | 17    | 4  |
| 1900 ... ..                         | ...    | 28             | 10 | 23      | 3  | 19    | 11 |
| 1901 ... ..                         | ...    | 27             | 4  | 27      | 2  | 18    | 9  |
| 1902 ... ..                         | ...    | 31             | 7  | 24      | 9  | 22    | 2  |
| 1903 ... ..                         | ...    | 39             | 11 | 21      | 3  | 18    | 10 |
| 1904 ... ..                         | ...    | 28             | 4  | 19      | 9  | 17    | 7  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

## Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 5th August, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|                                              |            | Week ended<br>5th Aug.,<br>1905. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1904. |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living :—</b>                    |            |                                  |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..         | Number.    | 9,355                            | 11,131                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..                       | "          | 858                              | 5,384                               |
| Swine ... ..                                 | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..                                | "          | 94                               | 310                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat :—</b>                         |            |                                  |                                     |
| Beef ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 128,017                          | 34,338                              |
| Mutton ... ..                                | "          | 90,320                           | 23,237                              |
| Pork ... ..                                  | "          | 8,812                            | 2,766                               |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat :—</b>           |            |                                  |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 128,142                          | 92,946                              |
| Beef ... ..                                  | "          | 2,982                            | 3,379                               |
| Hams ... ..                                  | "          | 29,506                           | 17,215                              |
| Pork ... ..                                  | "          | 4,468                            | 3,339                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh          | "          | 10,875                           | 8,172                               |
| Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... | "          | 17,224                           | 7,762                               |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes :—</b>      |            |                                  |                                     |
| Butter ... ..                                | Cwts.      | 90,424                           | 77,682                              |
| Margarine ... ..                             | "          | 20,982                           | 13,397                              |
| Cheese ... ..                                | "          | 69,899                           | 50,107                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums                | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..                               | "          | 81                               | 117                                 |
| " condensed ... ..                           | "          | 16,082                           | 16,908                              |
| " preserved, other kinds...                  | "          | 70                               | 49                                  |
| Eggs ... ..                                  | Grt. Hndr. | 330,228                          | 280,049                             |
| Poultry ... ..                               | Value £    | 1,463                            | 6,628                               |
| Game ... ..                                  | "          | 445                              | 31                                  |
| Rabbits, dead (not tinned) ... ..            | Cwts.      | 15,809                           | 7,869                               |
| Lard ... ..                                  | "          | 28,350                           | 31,035                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—</b>       |            |                                  |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 2,309,000                        | 1,741,500                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..                  | "          | 231,800                          | 200,600                             |
| Barley ... ..                                | "          | 247,500                          | 270,200                             |
| Oats ... ..                                  | "          | 467,900                          | 290,500                             |
| Peas ... ..                                  | "          | 29,875                           | 111,520                             |
| Beans ... ..                                 | "          | 16,840                           | 14,480                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..                  | "          | 1,077,000                        | 981,600                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw :—</b>                         |            |                                  |                                     |
| Apples ... ..                                | Cwts.      | 19,467                           | 22,830                              |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..                  | "          | 2,226                            | 418                                 |
| Bananas ... ..                               | Bunches.   | 164,155                          | 123,227                             |
| Cherries ... ..                              | Cwts.      | 1,817                            | 4,197                               |
| Currants... ..                               | "          | 4,224                            | 3,650                               |
| Gooseberries ... ..                          | "          | 20                               | 177                                 |
| Grapes ... ..                                | "          | 80,402                           | 34,385                              |
| Lemons ... ..                                | "          | 16,152                           | 25,934                              |
| Oranges ... ..                               | "          | 2,608                            | 3,720                               |
| Pears ... ..                                 | "          | 27,818                           | 49,150                              |
| Plums ... ..                                 | "          | 79,867                           | 84,062                              |
| Strawberries ... ..                          | "          | 20                               | 137                                 |
| Unenumerated ... ..                          | "          | 40,451                           | 51,795                              |
| Hay... ..                                    | Tons.      | 4,218                            | 4,392                               |
| Straw ... ..                                 | "          | 2,022                            | 1,552                               |
| Moss Litter. (Not shown in 1904)             | "          | 1,429                            | —                                   |
| Hops ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 827                              | 1,195                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..                          | "          | —                                | 1,740                               |
| <b>Vegetables, raw :—</b>                    |            |                                  |                                     |
| Onions ... ..                                | Bushels.   | 142,549                          | 163,612                             |
| Potatoes ... ..                              | Cwts.      | 27,788                           | 36,367                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..                              | "          | 87,974                           | 30,762                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..                          | Value £    | 10,977                           | 7,711                               |
| Vegetables, dried ... ..                     | Cwts.      | 4,846                            | 5,774                               |
| Preserved by canning... ..                   | "          | 8,908                            | 2,361                               |

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom—(cont.).**  
**Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 12th August, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.**

|                                                   |            | Week ended<br>24th Aug.,<br>1905. | Correspond-<br>ing week<br>in 1904. |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living :—</b>                         |            |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..              | Number     | 18,022                            | 14,225                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..                            | "          | 8,147                             | 4,146                               |
| Swine ... ..                                      | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..                                     | "          | 891                               | 931                                 |
| <b>Fresh meat :—</b>                              |            |                                   |                                     |
| Beef ... ..                                       | Cwts.      | 150,876                           | 73,439                              |
| Mutton ... ..                                     | "          | 64,009                            | 93,032                              |
| Pork ... ..                                       | "          | 2,914                             | 4,205                               |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat :—</b>                |            |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..                                      | Cwts.      | 119,752                           | 98,767                              |
| Beef ... ..                                       | "          | 8,104                             | 2,198                               |
| Hams ... ..                                       | "          | 85,594                            | 20,821                              |
| Pork ... ..                                       | "          | 5,748                             | 3,827                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh ... ..        | "          | 12,061                            | 10,904                              |
| Meat, preserved, otherwise than by salting ... .. | "          | 16,287                            | 19,917                              |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes :—</b>           |            |                                   |                                     |
| Butter ... ..                                     | Cwts.      | 89,989                            | 86,635                              |
| Margarine ... ..                                  | "          | 21,818                            | 17,667                              |
| Cheese ... ..                                     | "          | 88,049                            | 56,912                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..              | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..                                    | "          | 88                                | 143                                 |
| " condensed ... ..                                | "          | 14,558                            | 21,900                              |
| " preserved, other kinds ... ..                   | "          | 77                                | 108                                 |
| Eggs ... ..                                       | Grt. Hndr. | 172,416                           | 280,164                             |
| Poultry ... ..                                    | Value £    | 1,867                             | 7,208                               |
| Game ... ..                                       | "          | 709                               | 132                                 |
| Rabbits, dead (not tinned) ... ..                 | Cwts.      | 15,512                            | 16,418                              |
| Lard ... ..                                       | "          | 81,548                            | 20,994                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal and flour :—</b>             |            |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..                                      | Cwts.      | 2,186,000                         | 1,584,200                           |
| Wheat-meal and flour ... ..                       | "          | 141,800                           | 316,000                             |
| Barley ... ..                                     | "          | 152,600                           | 614,600                             |
| Oats ... ..                                       | "          | 408,600                           | 326,800                             |
| Peas ... ..                                       | "          | 60,198                            | 65,730                              |
| Beans ... ..                                      | "          | 14,150                            | 100,000                             |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..                       | "          | 828,800                           | 821,700                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw :—</b>                              |            |                                   |                                     |
| Apples ... ..                                     | Cwts.      | 16,285                            | 22,586                              |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..                       | "          | 454                               | 288                                 |
| Bananas ... ..                                    | Bunches    | 155,044                           | 84,849                              |
| Cherries ... ..                                   | Cwts.      | 491                               | 1,044                               |
| Currants ... ..                                   | "          | 765                               | 2,973                               |
| Gooseberries ... ..                               | "          | —                                 | 27                                  |
| Grapes ... ..                                     | "          | 29,616                            | 43,489                              |
| Lemons ... ..                                     | "          | 14,062                            | 20,354                              |
| Oranges ... ..                                    | "          | 1,428                             | 1,165                               |
| Pears ... ..                                      | "          | 81,167                            | 59,704                              |
| Plums ... ..                                      | "          | 76,065                            | 82,698                              |
| Strawberries ... ..                               | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..                               | "          | 45,564                            | 53,220                              |
| Hay ... ..                                        | Tons       | 2,849                             | 2,792                               |
| Straw ... ..                                      | "          | 1,708                             | 1,558                               |
| Moss Litter. (Not shown prior to 1905) ... ..     | "          | 1,285                             | —                                   |
| Hops ... ..                                       | Cwts.      | 538                               | 614                                 |
| Locust beans ... ..                               | "          | —                                 | 3,620                               |
| <b>Vegetables, raw :—</b>                         |            |                                   |                                     |
| Onions ... ..                                     | Bushels    | 181,885                           | 136,164                             |
| Potatoes ... ..                                   | Cwts.      | 82,458                            | 60,166                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..                                   | "          | 27,782                            | 37,871                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..                               | Value £    | 7,980                             | 5,187                               |
| Vegetables, dried ... ..                          | Cwts.      | 8,467                             | 5,251                               |
| Preserved by canning ... ..                       | "          | 1,800                             | 2,565                               |



### Alien Immigration from the Continent of Europe—July.

Statement showing the Number of Alien Passengers that Arrived from the Continent (whether in transit or not) at Ports in the United Kingdom during the Month and Seven Months ending 31st July, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the previous Year.

(Compiled from the Alien Lists received by the Customs under Act 6 Will. 4, c. 11, sec. 2.)

| Ports of Arrival in United Kingdom.  | CONTINENTAL PORTS OF EMBARKATION. |        |                                    |        |                     |        |                |       |        |       |         |       |                          |       |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|----------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------------------------|-------|---------|---------|
|                                      | Hamburg, Bremen, and Bremerhaven. |        | Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Antwerp. |        | Scandinavian Ports. |        | Finnish Ports. |       | Libau. |       | Dieppe. |       | Other Continental Ports. |       | Total   |         |
|                                      | 1905.                             | 1904.  | 1905.                              | 1904.  | 1905.               | 1904.  | 1905.          | 1904. | 1905.  | 1904. | 1905.   | 1904. | 1905.                    | 1904. | 1905.   | 1904.   |
| (i.) Month ending 31st July.         |                                   |        |                                    |        |                     |        |                |       |        |       |         |       |                          |       |         |         |
| London ...                           | 1,613                             | 2,172  | 1,604                              | 1,771  | 228                 | 243    | ...            | ...   | 843    | 1,130 | ...     | ...   | 287                      | 411   | 4,575   | 5,727   |
| Grimaby ...                          | 1,428                             | 1,543  | 776                                | 1,137  | 756                 | 878    | ...            | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...                      | ...   | 2,960   | 3,568   |
| Harwich ...                          | ...                               | ...    | ...                                | ...    | 543                 | 377    | ...            | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...                      | ...   | 543     | 377     |
| Hull ...                             | 235                               | 390    | 418                                | 893    | 2,993               | 2,129  | 1,501          | 229   | 453    | 636   | ...     | ...   | 11                       | 30    | 5,631   | 6,009   |
| Tyne Ports ...                       | 48                                | 41     | 50                                 | 62     | 503                 | 507    | ...            | 15    | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | 2                        | 41    | 603     | 666     |
| Leith ...                            | 182                               | 121    | 258                                | 196    | 59                  | 26     | ...            | ...   | 87     | ...   | ...     | ...   | 139                      | 173   | 725     | 446     |
| Newhaven ...                         | ...                               | ...    | ...                                | ...    | ...                 | ...    | ...            | ...   | ...    | ...   | 693     | 1,298 | 36                       | 27    | 1,029   | 1,325   |
| Other Ports ..                       | 29                                | 46     | 448                                | 185    | 171                 | 155    | 5              | ...   | ...    | ...   | 1       | ...   | 1,077                    | 736   | 1,731   | 1,122   |
| Total ...                            | 3,555                             | 4,313  | 3,534                              | 4,174  | 5,253               | 4,315  | 1,506          | 944   | 1,383  | 1,768 | 994     | 1,298 | 1,552                    | 1,418 | 17,797  | 18,230  |
| (ii.) Seven Months ending 31st July. |                                   |        |                                    |        |                     |        |                |       |        |       |         |       |                          |       |         |         |
| London ...                           | 10,079                            | 10,322 | 8,471                              | 7,051  | 931                 | 1,086  | ...            | ...   | 3,890  | 3,747 | ...     | ...   | 2,546                    | 1,555 | 25,917  | 23,761  |
| Grimaby ...                          | 7,399                             | 5,760  | 5,177                              | 8,981  | 6,720               | 5,150  | ...            | ...   | ...    | ...   | 2       | 2     | 3                        | ...   | 19,301  | 19,913  |
| Harwich ...                          | ...                               | ...    | ...                                | ...    | 5,643               | 4,122  | ...            | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...                      | ...   | 5,643   | 4,122   |
| Hull ...                             | 1,880                             | 2,299  | 3,215                              | 3,890  | 21,340              | 18,000 | 13,514         | 4,672 | 2,772  | 3,039 | ...     | ...   | 238                      | 479   | 42,959  | 32,442  |
| Tyne Ports ...                       | 183                               | 207    | 230                                | 334    | 5,268               | 4,626  | ...            | 173   | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | 37                       | 91    | 5,727   | 5,431   |
| Leith ...                            | 459                               | 515    | 828                                | 670    | 306                 | 201    | ...            | ...   | 87     | ...   | ...     | ...   | 487                      | 447   | 2,167   | 1,833   |
| Newhaven ...                         | ...                               | ...    | ...                                | ...    | ...                 | ...    | ...            | ...   | ...    | ...   | 8,417   | 8,569 | 36                       | 46    | 8,453   | 8,628   |
| Other Ports ..                       | 173                               | 204    | 2,767                              | 1,128  | 1,174               | 899    | 6              | 23    | 1      | 2     | 2       | ...   | 8,482                    | 5,074 | 12,605  | 7,632   |
| Total ...                            | 20,173                            | 19,320 | 20,697                             | 22,344 | 41,382              | 34,164 | 13,520         | 4,870 | 6,750  | 6,768 | 8,421   | 8,584 | 11,829                   | 7,692 | 122,772 | 103,762 |

**NOTES:—(i.) ALIENS IN TRANSIT.**—The above totals include Aliens in transit, but the number of such Aliens cannot be stated, as particulars on this point are not required by law to be furnished. At some ports, however, it is the usual practice to state on the Alien Lists the number of Aliens known to be "*en route* to other countries." The total number so described in July, 1905, was 8,736, compared with 8,540 in July, 1904. In the seven months ending July, 1905, the number was 69,216, compared with 55,483 in the seven months ending July, 1904. These figures, however, are incomplete for the reasons stated, and many Aliens not described in the Aliens Lists as "*en route* to other countries," are in fact, known by special enquiry, to have been also in transit.

**(ii.) SAILORS.**—The number of sailors included with the Aliens not described in the Alien Lists as "*en route* to places out of the United Kingdom in the month of July, 1905, was 1,141, and 988 in the same month of 1904; in the seven months ending July, 1905, the number was 8,356, and in the same months of 1904 the number was 7,416.

**(iii.) SCOPE OF THE RETURNS.**—The ports from which Alien Lists are received are Aberdeen, Belfast, Blyth, Bristol, Cardiff, Dover, Dublin, Folkestone, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Granton, Greenock, Grimsby, Harwich, Hull, Kirkcaldy, Leith, Liverpool, London, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Newhaven, Newport, North Shields, South Shields, Southampton, Sunderland, and West Hartlepool. The Lists received from Dover, Folkestone, Harwich, Newhaven, and Southampton show only deck passengers, and persons who, after landing, proceed by train as third-class passengers.

### Bankruptcy.—England and Wales.

Number of Receiving Orders Gazetted in the under-mentioned Principal Trades and Occupations during the periods indicated.

|                                                                | July.      |            | Seven Months ended July. |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                | 1905.      | 1904.      | 1905.                    | 1904.        |
| Total gazetted... ..                                           | No.<br>337 | No.<br>374 | No.<br>2,827             | No.<br>2,558 |
| Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations :—         |            |            |                          |              |
| Grocers, &c.... ..                                             | 21         | 23         | 198                      | 175          |
| Publicans and hotel keepers, &c. ....                          | 19         | 21         | 178                      | 149          |
| Builders ... ..                                                | 21         | 24         | 167                      | 194          |
| Farmers ... ..                                                 | 12         | 18         | 187                      | 100          |
| Bakers ... ..                                                  | 18         | 5          | 92                       | 82           |
| Greengrocers, fruiterers, &c. ....                             | 9          | 9          | 79                       | 69           |
| Butchers ... ..                                                | 16         | 13         | 78                       | 72           |
| Boot and shoe manufacturers and dealers ...                    | 8          | 6          | 72                       | 58           |
| Decorators, painters, plumbers, &c. ....                       | 8          | 11         | 67                       | 49           |
| Drapers, haberdashers, &c. ....                                | 4          | 7          | 64                       | 75           |
| Agents, commission and general ... ..                          | 8          | 6          | 58                       | 27           |
| Tailors, &c. ... ..                                            | 4          | 10         | 51                       | 52           |
| Coal and coke merchants and dealers ... ..                     | 8          | 5          | 50                       | 36           |
| Fishmongers, poulterers, &c. ....                              | 6          | 4          | 49                       | 38           |
| Auctioneers ... ..                                             | 2          | 4          | 40                       | 26           |
| Travellers, commercial ... ..                                  | 6          | 6          | 82                       | 24           |
| Confectioners ... ..                                           | 8          | 1          | 82                       | 21           |
| Jewellers, watchmakers, silversmiths, &c. ...                  | 5          | 4          | 80                       | 34           |
| Corn, flour, seed, hay, and straw merchants and dealers ... .. | 2          | 2          | 28                       | 31           |
| Tobacconists, &c. ... ..                                       | 4          | 3          | 28                       | 23           |
| Carpenters and joiners ... ..                                  | 8          | 6          | 28                       | 18           |
| Furniture dealers and makers ... ..                            | 2          | 5          | 25                       | 32           |
| Carriers, carmen, lightermen, and hauliers ...                 | 8          | 6          | 25                       | 27           |
| Hairdressers... ..                                             | 8          | 3          | 25                       | 14           |
| Engineers and foundries, &c. ....                              | 6          | 2          | 24                       | 26           |
| Provision merchants, &c. ....                                  | 2          | 3          | 23                       | 19           |
| General dealers ... ..                                         | 2          | 3          | 22                       | 33           |
| Clerks, commercial and general ... ..                          | 4          | 1          | 22                       | 33           |

**Bankruptcy.—England and Wales—continued.**

|                                                                       | July.      |            | Seven Months ended July. |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
|                                                                       | 1905.      | 1904.      | 1905.                    | 1904.      |
| <b>Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations—continued:</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>No.</b>               | <b>No.</b> |
| Restaurant, coffee and eating-house keepers ...                       | 1          | 1          | 22                       | 19         |
| Clothiers, outfitters, &c. ... ..                                     | 1          | 2          | 21                       | 18         |
| Ironmongers ... ..                                                    | 4          | 4          | 21                       | 16         |
| Milliners, dressmakers, &c. ... ..                                    | 8          | 1          | 19                       | 18         |
| Carriage, &c., builders ... ..                                        | 3          | 3          | 19                       | 18         |
| Doctors of medicine, physicians, &c. ... ..                           | 3          | —          | 19                       | 12         |
| Cab, omnibus and fly proprietors ... ..                               | —          | 3          | 18                       | 14         |
| Cabinet makers and upholsterers ... ..                                | 2          | 1          | 18                       | 17         |
| Directors and promoters of public companies ...                       | 2          | 4          | 18                       | 19         |
| Printers, booksellers, and publishers ... ..                          | 1          | —          | 17                       | 27         |
| Bicycle, &c., manufacturers and dealers ..                            | 2          | 4          | 17                       | 21         |
| Stationers ... ..                                                     | 2          | —          | 16                       | 5          |
| Wheelwrights ... ..                                                   | 2          | 2          | 16                       | 12         |
| Chemists, druggists and chemical manufacturers                        | 2          | 1          | 16                       | 12         |
| Dairymen, cowkeepers, &c. ... ..                                      | 4          | 2          | 16                       | 14         |
| Solicitors ... ..                                                     | —          | 1          | 15                       | 23         |
| Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses ... ..                             | 1          | 1          | 15                       | 12         |
| Gardeners, florists, &c. ... ..                                       | —          | 2          | 14                       | 21         |
| Lodging-house keepers ... ..                                          | 1          | 1          | 14                       | 11         |
| Saddlers and harness makers ... ..                                    | 4          | 4          | 14                       | 20         |
| Timber merchants ... ..                                               | 2          | —          | 13                       | 11         |
| China, glass, and earthenware, &c., dealers ..                        | 3          | 4          | 13                       | 15         |
| Contractors ... ..                                                    | 1          | 4          | 12                       | 18         |
| Architects and surveyors ... ..                                       | 4          | 3          | 12                       | 15         |
| Woollen merchants and manufacturers... ..                             | 1          | —          | 11                       | 8          |
| Merchants, general ... ..                                             | —          | —          | 10                       | 17         |
| Officers in Army ... ..                                               | 1          | 1          | 10                       | 12         |
| Cattle and pig dealers ... ..                                         | —          | 1          | 8                        | 14         |
| Stone, marble and monumental masons, &c. ...                          | 2          | —          | 8                        | 11         |
| Curriers, tanners, and leather merchants ...                          | 1          | 4          | 7                        | 9          |
| Hosiery, gloves, &c. ... ..                                           | 1          | 1          | 7                        | 11         |
| Brokers, stock and share ... ..                                       | 2          | 1          | 7                        | 9          |
| Blacksmiths, farriers, &c. ... ..                                     | —          | —          | 6                        | 19         |
| Wine and spirit merchants, &c. ... ..                                 | —          | 1          | 5                        | 10         |
| Millers ... ..                                                        | —          | —          | 4                        | 14         |
| Fishing smack owners, and masters ... ..                              | —          | —          | 4                        | 3          |
| Cotton spinners and manufacturers ... ..                              | —          | 1          | 1                        | 3          |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of July, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. 1d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. for the first, and 4s. 3d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the August issue:—State of the Labour Market in July; Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration in 1904; Public Relief to the Aged, Infirm and Incurable in France; Recent Conciliation Cases.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

#### No. 3,472. Trade of Consular District of Savannah for 1904.

Large increase in cotton receipts and exports, the figures being the largest on record for this port.

Moderate increase in British shipping.

Shipping returns for Savannah, Charleston, Brunswick, Wilmington, Beaufort and Port Royal, and Darien.

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**No. 3,473. Report on the French Budget for 1905.**

Details of revenue and expenditure.

Composition of the French Public Debt.

Particulars of grants to farmers and agricultural societies; and of bounties for the cultivation of silkworms,

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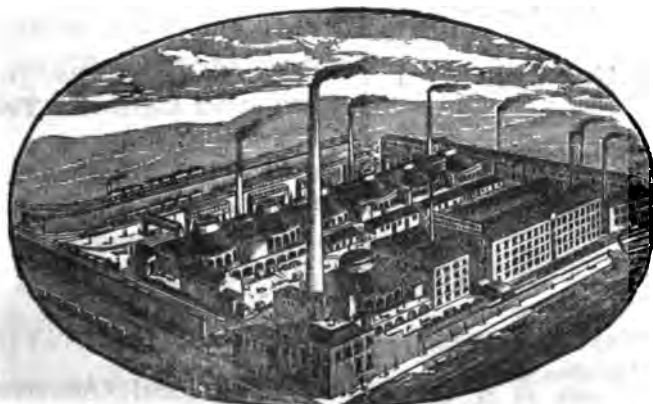
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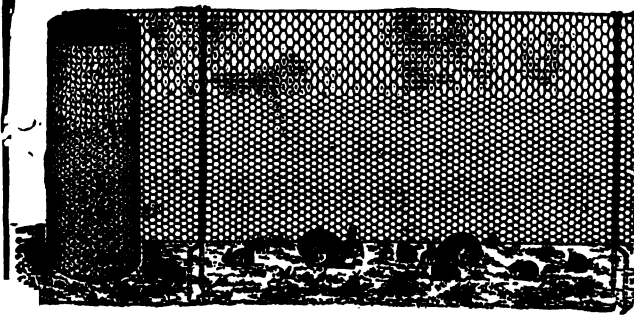
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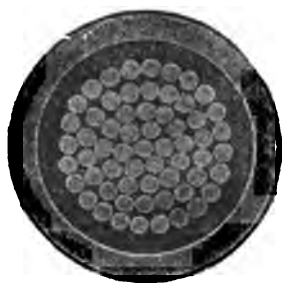
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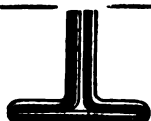
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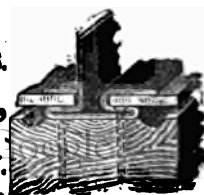
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The following Admiralty Charts have recently been newly issued, or so largely corrected as to render a new Chart desirable. The date of the alteration is notified in the centre of the bottom of the Chart.

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| 1607      | England, E., River Thames and entrance, N. Foreland to the Nore. Large corrections, June.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1543      | " " Yarmouth and Lowestoft Roads. Large corrections, July.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2305      | Norway, W., sheet iii., Stav Fiord to Romsdals Islands. General amendments, July.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1479      | " The Naze to the North Cape. Large corrections, June.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3498      | Baltic, Sweden, E., Stockholm, Skärgård. New chart, June.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3501      | Gulf of Bothnia, E., approaches to Nystad (Lyperto to Frakali). New chart, June.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3261      | North Sea, Elbe River, Outer Lightvessel to Brunsbüttelkoog. Large corrections, June.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1755      | Spain, N.W., San Ciprian Bay to Cape Finisterre. Large corrections, June.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 92        | Cape St. Vincent to the Strait of Gibraltar. New chart, June.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3496      | Mediterranean, Greece, Scropha Pt. to C. Kamilafka. New chart, June.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3411      | Africa, W., anchorages. Plans—Rocktown Berebi anchorage, Grand Berebi anchorage, Sasandra anchorage, and Port Bouet (Pickaninny Bassam) added, June.                                                                                                                  |
| 395       | Africa, W., Isles do Los (Idolos), Konakri Road. Konakri Road, June.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 1834      | " " Arakan River. Large corrections, June.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 219       | Sumatra, N., Acheh Head to Diamond Point. Lampujang Strait, June.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2195      | Eastern Archipelago, sketch plans of anchorages in the southern part of Celebes. Plan Bintaru anchorage added, June.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3440      | Eastern Archipelago, plans of anchorages between Celebes and New Guinea, Chapalalu Strait, and Vesuvius Bay, Tifu Bay, Keffing Strait, and Kiliwaru, Ondur Road, Kailakat Road, Lakania Road, Mitak Bay, Katapu anchorage (New Waigama), Wotai Road. New chart, June. |
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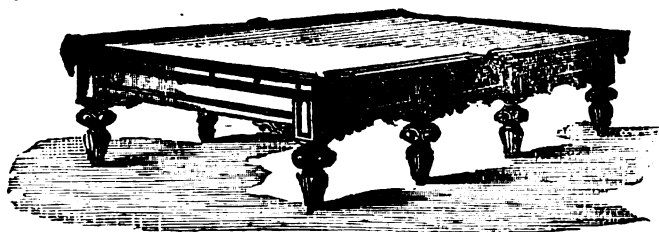


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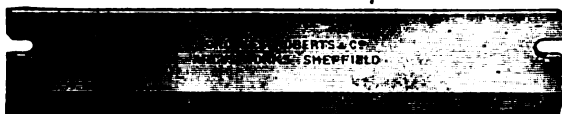
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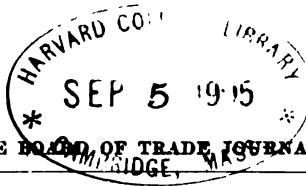
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The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 384.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore, received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11).

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### OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

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Forms of tender and conditions of contract may be obtained on application at the War Office, Pall Mall, S.W., by letter, or in person, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock, and no tender will be entertained unless made upon the form so obtained. Any enquiries as to the method of delivery, approximate quantities, &c., should be made at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Chelsea.

The tenders are to be delivered at the War Office, Pall Mall, S.W., by 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the 30th day of August, 1905.

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**CANADA.**

The following were among the recent enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Enquiries relating Offices, 17, Victoria Street, S.W., whence further to Canadian Trade. information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Home Enquiries.**—A London agent desires to undertake the representation of Canadian firms supplying goods more particularly used in connection with the building trades.

A London firm make enquiry respecting Canadian consignments of asbestos fibre.

**Canadian Enquiries.**—Enquiry is made by a Canadian firm interested in South American crude rubber shipments for names of reliable commission merchants in Liverpool district or elsewhere prepared to deal in the commodity.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following trade enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information to Canadian Trade. regarding them may be obtained:—

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**Canadian Enquiries.**—A manufacturers' agent in St. John, New Brunswick, would be pleased to represent British manufacturers of hardware and metal goods and particularly fishing supplies, such as nets, hooks, and lines.

A Canadian manufacturers' agent would like to represent a British manufacturer of linen thread and nets, not already doing business in Canada.

A firm in Toronto would like to hear from United Kingdom



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A Montreal manufacturers' agent is prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of rain-proof tweeds, waterproof covers and linings, woollens, webbing, jerseys, sleeve linings and lace.

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Sealed tenders addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Control and Audit Office, Parliament Street, Cape Town, marked outside "Tender for Provisions," or "Tender for Boots and Shoes," as the case may be, will be received up to noon on Tuesday, 5th September, 1905.

The lowest or any tender is not necessarily accepted.

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**NATAL.**

The "Natal Government Gazette" of the 25th July publishes the text of an Act granting power to the Durban **Water Works, &c.** Town Council to increase the water supply to the town, and to construct the necessary reservoirs, tunnels, conduits, water mains, &c.

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**EGYPT.**

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of 5th August contains a notice inviting tenders, which will be received until the 16th October, for the supply of uniform clothing to the Egyptian Postal Service during the years 1906, 1907 and 1908, in accordance with specifications on view at the Offices of the Directorate-General of Ports, Alexandria, and of the Local Directorate of Ports, Cairo. Tenders must be made out on a special form to be obtained from the above-mentioned offices; they should be forwarded in double envelopes, the outer addressed to "S. E. le Directeur Général des Postes, Alexandria," the inner inscribed "Offre pour la fourniture des uniformes."

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#### RUSSIA.

H.M. Consul-General at Odessa (Mr. C. S. Smith) in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that the demand for agricultural machinery seems to be but little affected by the war. "If a good harvest comes," he continues, "preparation must be made to save it, and all the more so considering that so many hands have been sent away to fight. Also the present condition of agrarian unrest is a reason for being provided with machinery; it is well to be as far as possible prepared lest the peasants should suddenly make exorbitant and impossible demands at harvest time. . . .

"Harvesters include reapers and binders. . . . Lightness and cheapness are the principal qualities needed. . . . Supplies are believed to be insufficient for the demand, partly because of the expected good harvest and partly because of the doubts as to the numbers of the available hands for harvest and their willingness to work. There is no duty on harvesters, and I may mention that a 6-foot binder sells for 270 roubles (about 28*l.*) and a 5-foot self-rake reaper for 153 roubles (about 16*l.* 4*s.*).

"Threshing machines and engines are made and imported by British firms, though there is a strong German competition, principally on account of the long terms of payment given by German sellers extending over three, four, and even five harvests.

"Twenty years ago ploughs used to be imported almost entirely from the United Kingdom, but with the development of the manufacturing capabilities of Russia, the high price of the British-made plough and the imposition of a duty, the import ceased. The Russian demand (with the exception of from 3,000 to 5,000 cheap ploughs imported annually from Germany) is now supplied by two Russian firms in Odessa. Between them they are said to sell about 90,000 ploughs a year. These ploughs are made after the patterns formerly sold by British and German importers, but in quality and durability they are far inferior to the British-made article. The local requirement is a cheap plough suitable for small horses.

"On account of bad roads and difficulties as to water and fuel, ploughing with a traction engine is the exception in this country. I am told, however, that there are signs of a desire on the part of some large landed proprietors to see further trials of mechanical power for ploughing.

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**RUSSIA**—*continued.*

"The virgin steppe land is fast being brought under grain cultivation, so that the available supply of the nutritive

**Straw Bruisers.** though coarse steppe hay is becoming insufficient in quantity and too high in price for the profitable feeding of working oxen. There would seem, therefore, to be a good opening for a machine which should take the straw as it comes from the thresher, reduce it to short pieces and bruise it thoroughly, so that when mixed with a small proportion of barley, or other grain, it may form a suitable fodder for sheep, working oxen, &c.

"The bruiser ought to be designed for attachment to the thresher, so that the whole process of threshing and bruising may be effected at once. A German bruiser has already been put upon the market this season. It is said to be able to deal with the amount of straw delivered by a 4·6 drum-thresher, the thresher and bruiser being driven together by an 8 horse-power engine.

"Motor cars are coming largely into use for communication between country houses and the nearest town or railway,

**Motor Cars.** and also for inspection of estates.

"At present motor cars are supplied to Odessa by France, the United States and Germany. I believe that no British patterns are on sale. For long runs the 12 horse-power machine is bought; for estate inspection, &c., the 8 horse-power engine.

"Anyone who wishes to try his luck in South Russia should remember that the roads are bad, and repairing shops may be far away, so that strength and simplicity are more than ever desirable. Water is often difficult to obtain, so that steam motors should have water space sufficient for long runs without need of replenishment.

"Vegetable and flower seeds are annually imported in considerable quantities. The insertion of short illustrated price lists, in Russian, in the principal papers

**Seeds.**

read by landowners ought to be remunerative.

The translation and distribution of such lists ought not to be either expensive or difficult if made through business houses of standing in Russia.

"German farmer colonists, of whom there are many thousands in South Russia, are likely purchasers. In order to reach these it would be advisable to publish such lists in the "Odessaer Zeitung," a paper in the German language published in Odessa.

"No condiments are admitted into Russia if any traces of salicylic acid can be detected."

**Sauces and Pickles.**

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**DENMARK.**

The "Berlingske-Tidende" contains notices inviting tenders for the supply of (1) about 6,400 tons of rails and connecting pieces, for use in the construction of the Copenhagen passenger railway station; and (2) about 640 tons of rails and connecting pieces, for use in the construction of the Amager railway. Tenders, in both cases, are to be made in accordance with conditions which may be obtained from the State Railway Construction Office, No. 10, Reventlowsgade, Copenhagen. Tenders must be sent in, in writing, to the above-mentioned offices by 2 p.m. on 29th August.

**Rails.**

The same journal contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply of two locomotive turntables, about 7 metres each in diameter, for the Helsingör-Hornbæk railway, in accordance with the conditions which can be obtained from the Railway Construction Office, 31 St. Annagade, Helsingör. Tenders must be sent in by mid-day on 8th September to the Chairman of the Railway Committee, Hr. Köbmand Vejby-Nielsen, Helsingör. Tenders will be opened at the Railway Office at the time stated, and the personal attendance of tenderers is necessary.

**Turntables.**

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**NETHERLANDS.**

A communication has been received from the British Acting Consul at Rotterdam (Mr. J. W. van Dyk) notifying that tenders will be received up to 30th August by the Director of Naval Establishment at Hellevoetsluis, for the supply and delivery of about 1,200 tons of Cardiff coal. The coal must be from one of the following mines:—

**Cardiff Coal.**

Nixon Navigation Co., Ltd.; Penhrwyton Navigation (large coals); Harris Deep Navigation; Ocean Merthyr (steam coals); Hoods Merthyr (steam coals); Oriental Merthyr (steam coals); Insoles Merthyr (steam coals); International Cardiff; National Merthyr; Great Western Navigation (smokeless steam coals); Albion Merthyr; Cwms Merthyr; Cyfarthfa; Dowlais Merthyr; Ferndale; Hill's Plymouth Merthyr; Lewis Merthyr; Lockets Merthyr; Naval Merthyr; Powell Duffrey; Dowlais Cardiff.

The coal must not contain more than 25 per cent. of small coal. Certificate of origin, vised by the Netherlands Consul at port of shipment, must be produced. 800 tons to be delivered at Hellevoetsluis and 400 tons at Dordrecht.

The Acting Consul adds that no tenders direct from English firms will be accepted, one of the conditions being that tenders must be made through Dutch firms.

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**FRANCE—ALGERIA.**

The British Vice-Consul at Philippeville (Mr. H. Scratchley), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, says that the agricultural machinery imported is not all of French make, although it comes from France where it has been stored; a considerable quantity of ploughs are of American or Canadian make. He asks: "If ploughs can come in from America at a profit to the maker, why cannot they do so from the United Kingdom?"

**Agricultural  
Implements and  
Machinery.**

The linoleum trade, states Mr. Scratchley, is in its infancy (the imports during 1904 having amounted to 6 tons), but people are beginning to appreciate the advantages of linoleums for that climate and no doubt it will improve. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,479.*)

**Linoleum.**

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**PORTUGAL—ANGOLA.**

The British Acting Consul at Loanda (Mr. William S. R. Brock), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, writes:—"The returns of the Royal Trans-African Railway show an improvement on the previous year. The continuation of this line from Ambaca to Malange is being carried on by the Government. The material used mostly comes from Belgium in German steamers.

**Railway  
Material.**

"The construction of the Benguella Railway has been started. The idea of this railway is to connect Katanga and the Tanganyika Company's concession with the West Coast. It is expected that it will be carried through the Bihe district.

Referring to the Royal Decree (see p. 436 of "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th June) authorising the expenditure of 1,500,000 milreis (over 300,000*l.*) on the construction of a railway of 60-centim. gauge from Mossamedes to the table land of Chella, Mr. Brock says that this railway will be constructed by the Government." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,478.*)

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**SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 15th August announces that an application, accompanied by the necessary plans and guarantees, has been received at the Directorate-General of Public Works, Madrid, from Don Salvador de Lacy y Pascual, Marqués de Lacy, who resides in Orihuela, for a concession for a steam tramway from Orihuela to Crevillente. One month from the date of the announcement in the "Gaceta" is allowed for the presentation of applications, accompanied by their corresponding plans and guarantees, upon terms more favourable to the Government.

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**Steam Tramway  
Plant.**

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#### **OTTOMAN EMPIRE.**

H.M. Consul-General at Baghdad (Major L. S. Newmarch), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, writes as follows:—

**Manual and  
Animal-power  
Pumps.**

“As Baghdad is unprovided with a proper water supply, and all the drinking water is taken from the river flowing through the town, it seems probable that most of the inhabitants on the banks would welcome cheap and efficient pumps for raising the water of the river to their houses. If the pumps could be supplied with some simple apparatus for cleansing the water of the silt it contains they would be the more saleable. Steam pumps would not find a market, but manual and animal-power pumps probably would. Animal-power pumps would probably also be used, if not expensive or complicated, for raising the water from the river into the cultivated land on the banks.

“Brass goods are not manufactured in Baghdad and can hardly be obtained; yet they appear to be valued, especially such articles as brass hooks, brass bolts, brass-headed nails, brass handles, brass locks, brass curtain rings, and generally the brass fittings of houses. Their import would probably be remunerative.

“Ice and soda-water machines are much required during the great heat of the summer, and a simple ice machine capable of producing 50 or 60 lbs. of ice per day (without a steam engine) would probably find numerous purchasers, as there is at present only one source of ice supply, and that is indifferent and uncertain. Similarly, a soda-water machine capable of filling 30 or 40 bottles in an hour or two would probably also find a ready sale. The soda-water, or rather aerated water, now obtainable from the local manufacturer is sold at 1s. per dozen. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,477).

#### **CUBA.**

Referring to the notice on p. 536 of the “Board of Trade Journal” of the 23rd March, relative to a concession granted to Señor Silvestre Scovel for the construction of a wharf at Havana, the Acting British Consul-General at that port (Mr. G. W. E. Griffith) has forwarded a copy of a pamphlet relating to the concession, issued by the Department of Public Works, together with a copy of a notice which has just been published in connection with the same matter. These documents may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**MEXICO.**

The Mexican "Diario Oficial" of 26th July, notifies an application from Señor Antonio Felguerez for an appropriation of 100 litres of water per second from the San Andrés, in the States of Zacatecas and Durango, for the production of motive power.

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**GUATEMALA.**

Attention is directed to the notice on p. 372, where reference is made to some of the trades in which the United Kingdom is generally to the fore in other countries, but in which she takes but a small part in the Republic of Guatemala. British fencing wire is mentioned as a trade likely to develop.

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

In a recent despatch, H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross, C.B.) reports as follows regarding various openings for trade in the Argentine Republic:—

There seems to be no limit to electrical work. In a very short time there will not be a horse-drawn tramcar in Buenos Ayres. A commencement has been made in the construction of lines to the more distant suburbs. British manufacturers appear to be competing for this business and getting a share of it. Electric lighting is being installed even in small towns and villages.

Three large new cold storage establishments have commenced work within the last twelve months. The dairy business is receiving attention, but not so much as it should. Practically nothing is done in hog raising and ham curing. This ought to be a profitable industry with bacon at 2.50 dols. the kilo. (say 2s. per lb.).

The wheat producing area is extending, especially to the south and west, and the existing ports will soon be, if they are not already, insufficient for the shipment of the grain grown in a good year. The Great Southern Railway has already decided to increase the wharf accommodation at Bahia Blanca, where the want of this has been most seriously felt.

*Openings for British Trade.***ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**—*continued.*

The Great Southern Railway has also decided to erect there a grain elevator with a capacity of 26,000 tons. It seems clear that the grain business of the country has reached such a volume that the loading must be done in bulk by means of elevators and not with sacks. There is no elevator law, nor is the working of such a system understood by the farmers yet. Any person taking the matter up will have many difficulties to overcome.

**Grain  
Elevators.**

Installations of acetylene gas are in demand for country houses, hotels, stations, &c. 1,800 tons of calcium carbide were imported in 1904, an increase of 700 tons over 1903.

**Acetylene Gas  
Installations.**

There is an increasing demand for automobiles of all classes. There are parts of the country where agricultural motors could be profitably introduced.

**Automobiles.****COLOMBIA.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from the British Vice-Consul at Bogota (Mr. S. S. Dickson) giving a summary of the terms of a contract signed by Mr. J. T. Ford, Manager of the Cartagena Carrying Companies, and the Colombian Government, for the construction of various railways along and connected with the Magdalena river.

The contract relates to the building of (1) A railway extending from "La Maria" (also called La Dorada), the terminus of the present Honda-La Dorada railroad, to the port of Puerto Berrio, forming thus a line 108½ miles in length, on the left bank of the Magdalena river; (2) A further extension from Puerto Berrio to the mouth of the Carare river, a distance of 18 miles; (3) A railway completing the connection between Puerto Berrio and the city of Medellin, capital of the Department of Antioquia, the second commercial centre of this Republic. This entails the completion of the enterprise known as the Antioquia Railway.

Mr. Dickson's summary may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

**SANTO DOMINGO.**

The United States Consul reports that with a view to encouraging agriculture, commerce, and transportation, Decrees have been enacted and proclaimed in the Republic of Santo Domingo, providing for the setting apart from 1st January, 1906, of 30 per cent. of the

**Railway  
Construction.**



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revenue received from exportations, to be devoted to the construction of railways in the State.

The Executive power, in arranging contracts and giving concessions to construct railroads will endeavour, under equal conditions to grant them on an equal basis, giving preference to the railroad from Moca to Monte Christi, connecting with the Dominican Central Railroad; from Barahona to Laguna del Fondo; from the Romano or Macoris del Este to the Seybo; and from Azua to Bánica.

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**FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION.****UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

H.M. Consul at Chicago (Mr. A. Finn) reports that a National Dairy Show will be held in Chicago in February next, at which it is hoped British, especially Canadian, butter and cheese manufacturers will exhibit.

A good opportunity will also be offered for bringing before the public, dairy machinery.

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**BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.**

**Guatemala.**—H.M. Consul at Guatemala (Mr. H. A. R. Hervey) reports that the total imports into the Republic during 1904 were valued at 1,008,228*l.*, against 594,327*l.* in 1903, a somewhat extraordinary increase in so short a time. He adds—"The United States lead the way, sending 37 per cent. of the total, the United Kingdom following with 23 per cent. and Germany a close third with 20 per cent. It may be observed that if we except maize and flour, in which the United Kingdom is naturally not a competitor, the latter would head the list of importing countries. At first sight these figures look very satisfactory, and it would appear that the United Kingdom has regained her general trade in this part of the world; but when we come to analyse the returns, we find that her commanding position is due almost solely to her exports of cotton goods and some classes of woollens."

Further on in his report, Mr. Hervey writes:—"In drawing attention to the fact that the United Kingdom takes but a comparatively small part in the trade of the country outside cotton and woollen goods, I must also state that there is only one British importing house in Guatemala, and that house, having branches all over the country, deals in the above goods. . . ."

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*British Trade Abroad.*

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"Below are some of the trades in which the United Kingdom seems generally to the fore in other countries, but which she takes but a small part in here. Chief amongst these are manufactures of iron and steel, such as iron piping, nails and screws, galvanised and otherwise, workmen's tools, domestic utensils and ironmongery in general. British wire for fencing seems to be unknown here; this is a trade likely to expand as the land becomes more populated and new districts are opened up.

"Electrical apparatus comes from Germany and the United States, and as no British subjects are locally interested in the various electrical companies, the United Kingdom has but a poor chance unless represented by agents on the spot.

"Sewing machines are all American; paints, cordage and tackle, glass, china and earthenware, varnish and matches, hardly appear in the returns from the United Kingdom; Germany and the United States divide the important trade in drugs and pharmaceutical sundries between them.

"I consider the principal cause of our failure to obtain markets for our goods to be the want of established British houses to take up agencies; such persons as are agents for British firms have no showrooms, and one rarely sees an advertisement.

"Some houses of standing in the United Kingdom think it sufficient to send a catalogue to the Consulate, sometimes without even a line accompanying it, at other times requesting that it may be filed in the Consulate for reference.

"Some needless expense may be occasionally saved by ascertaining what are the Customs regulations applicable to various articles; many things paying duties on the gross weights of the package. Anyone desiring information on these points should write first to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

"As it occasionally happens that letters do not reach me, I can only suggest that in cases where no answers are received, enquirers should write again. It is by no means rare for me to receive letters addressed to Guatemala, Mexico; or Guatemala, South America." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,469.*)

**Punta Arenas.**—With regard to British trade at Punta Arenas, Mr. Vice-Consul C. A. Milward reports a very great increase in the number of enquiries by merchants at home for correspondents at that port. In many cases, he adds, these enquiries have come too late, as the merchants there are already corresponding with German manufacturers of the same class of goods. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,465.*)

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### COTTON-GROWING IN NATAL.

With reference to the particulars published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June last, pp. 507-8, the Board of Trade have received from their correspondent at Port Natal (Mr. A. D. C. Agnew) the following statement by Mr. John Kirkman, the Managing Director of the Experimental Cotton-growing Syndicate, relative to their operations during the current year:—

"**East Coast** cotton is of good growth, and, judging from my own trees which have ripened, this fruit is of fine quality, but not pure white. The boll is a pointed one, of mainly three divisions.

"**Egyptian**.—Good strong grower, but no ripe fruit to test as to staple yet.

"**Cato's Tree Cotton**.—This is a big plant, and will undoubtedly be valuable to Natal. It is a kidney cotton, and a very strong, wiry staple.

"**Uplands**.—This has fulfilled all expectations, and there is no doubt that it will be a success if planted in proper season.

"**Sea Island**.—The only good result from this fine stapled variety is on the Berea, in Durban. A good sized sample has been sent me, and the quality is of the best. Staple up to  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Colour, white; twist, regular; strength, good. This cotton was grown from imported seed. More will be heard of it later.

**Zululand Cotton**.—A few branches have been gathered from the slopes of the Bomba Hills. The cotton has a very small boll, but the bolls are exceedingly numerous and the crop is wonderful. Staple,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to 1 inch, very strong, white, and highly twisted."

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### JUTE INDUSTRY IN AUSTRIA.

The following note on the jute industry in Austria has been received from the Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari):—

The export of jute goods from Austria to the Levant has lately increased. For several years, however, the consumption of jute goods in the interior of Austria has been decreasing owing to the smaller demand for bags and packing for sugar, grain, and flour. The jute "Ring" has already (in May, 1903) studied this state of affairs, and consequently reduced the production of the jute industry from 15 to 25 per cent. In spite of this, the stock has not decreased; on the contrary, it has considerably increased. In some manufactories, there are over two millions of sacks in stock. In consideration of such conditions, the "Ring" Directorate have decided to suspend for the present all work in the jute manufactory at Bielitz.

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## IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN SHIPBUILDING MATERIALS INTO GERMANY.

The following memorandum on the import trade of foreign shipbuilding materials into Germany during the year 1904, has been received from H.M. Consul-General at Hamburg (Sir W. Ward, C.V.O.):—

“It is probably well known that all raw materials and all finished or unfinished manufactured articles imported from foreign countries which are destined to be used in Germany in the building and equipment of sea-going ships, are exempt from payment of Customs duties in this country. By the New German Customs Law, moreover, which together with the new Customs Tariff will come into force in March, 1906, the exemption from payment of Customs duty is extended likewise to all articles used in the building and equipment in Germany of river-going vessels.

“Particular interest attaches accordingly to this special branch of German import trade, inasmuch as competition on the part of foreign countries is unhampered by protective duties. At the same time it must be borne in mind that foreign competition is to some extent handicapped by the additional charges for freight, whereas most shipbuilding materials manufactured in Germany enjoy certain reduced rates of freight on the German railways, when sent from the interior to German seaports to be employed there in the construction and equipment of sea-going vessels.

“Until five years ago the total volume and value of shipbuilding material annually imported to Germany from foreign countries, and especially from the United Kingdom, was considerable, and in the year 1900 the total value of the same was about 735,000*l.* sterling. But, as will be seen below, a large falling off has taken place of late in the importation of these materials, and German shipbuilders are rapidly emancipating themselves from the necessity of having to import their supplies from abroad.

“In 1901 there was, it is true, only a slight decrease in the total volume of foreign shipbuilding materials imported into Germany, though the falling off in their total value was more considerable, owing to the low prices of iron and wood in that year. In 1902, however, both the volume and value of the importations diminished by nearly forty per cent. Although in consequence of extensive importations of various descriptions of wood for shipbuilding, a small increase took place in the total volume and value of the imports in 1903, this increase was not maintained in 1904; for, as will be seen further below, last year's importations of all articles, excepting angle-iron, malleable iron plates and sheet iron, and fishing nets, experienced a further falling off both in volume and in value.

“During the last five years the total annual volume and value of shipbuilding materials imported to Germany was respectively as follows:—

*Importation of Foreign Shipbuilding Materials into Germany.*

| Year.       | Volume.   | Value.  |
|-------------|-----------|---------|
|             | Cwts.     | £       |
| 1900 ... .. | 1,072,612 | 735,560 |
| 1901 ... .. | 1,054,978 | 513,607 |
| 1902 ... .. | 605,710   | 302,000 |
| 1903 ... .. | 621,746   | 342,000 |
| 1904 ... .. | 555,770   | 244,000 |

"The countries whence these materials were imported in the year 1904 were the following ones, viz. :—

| Countries whence Imported.       | Value of Shipbuilding Materials. |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                  | £                                |
| Great Britain ... ..             | 136,300                          |
| Netherlands ... ..               | 29,550                           |
| United States of America ... ..  | 17,850                           |
| British India ... ..             | 15,950                           |
| Sweden ... ..                    | 11,500                           |
| Hamburg Free-Port District... .. | 9,950                            |
| All other countries ... ..       | 22,900                           |
| Totals... ..                     | 244,000                          |

"The following table gives an account of the total value of the importations of the more prominent descriptions of shipbuilding materials to Germany during each of the last two years :—

| Description of Imports.                     | Value of Imports. |        |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
|                                             | 1903.             | 1904.  |
|                                             | £                 | £      |
| Fishing nets ... ..                         | 31,500            | 35,600 |
| Pig-iron ... ..                             | 17,150            | 13,700 |
| Angle-iron ... ..                           | 5,700             | 7,200  |
| Malleable iron plates and sheet iron ... .. | 20,900            | 22,500 |
| " iron bars ... ..                          | 6,600             | 4,000  |
| Varnished or tinned manufactures ... ..     | 8,600             | 4,450  |
| Anchors and chains ... ..                   | 31,500            | 25,400 |
| Wood of various kinds ... ..                | 72,500            | 55,150 |
| Machinery—                                  |                   |        |
| Pumps ... ..                                | 10,500            | 7,200  |
| Lifting machinery ... ..                    | 18,250            | 12,650 |
| Rough copper manufactures ... ..            | 18,150            | 3,700  |
| " bronze ... ..                             | 11,700            | 4,150  |
| Superior bronze manufactures... ..          | 22,400            | 13,450 |
| Ropes and cordage ... ..                    | 8,650             | 2,100  |

"With the exception of fishing-nets, angle-iron, and malleable iron plates, all of the above-mentioned articles—as already observed—show a falling off in volume and in value last year; the most marked decrease having been in wood, machinery, and in copper and bronze manufactures. By far the greater proportion of all kinds of shipbuilding materials were imported from Great Britain, the sole exceptions being the various descriptions of wood which were derived from British India, Russia, Sweden, and the United States of America, and fishing nets which were imported mainly from the Netherlands."

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

A copy of Supplement No. 47 to the Customs Tariff Guide, dated 24th June, 1905, has been received, containing Customs decisions relating to the rates of duty leviable on articles imported into the Australian Commonwealth.

The following are the principal decisions given :—

| Articles, and how classed.                                                                            | Rates of Import Duty. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| *Accumulators, when an integral part of a motor engine for cycles—                                    |                       |
| As machinery and appliances, n.e.i., electrical ... ..                                                | 12½ % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| Bottles, smelling salts, in cases where the bottle is more valuable than the contents—                |                       |
| As jewellery ... ..                                                                                   | 25 % "                |
| Cords, telephone, with metal switch-plugs attached—                                                   |                       |
| As machinery and appliances, n.e.i., electrical ... ..                                                | 12½ % "               |
| Finings, wine, consisting of a mixture of charcoal in fine powder with finely crushed crude gelatine— |                       |
| As articles, other ... ..                                                                             | Free                  |
| Tyres, rubber—                                                                                        |                       |
| When imported with motor cars to which they belong—                                                   |                       |
| As vehicles, n.e.i., and parts, n.e.i. ... ..                                                         | 20 % <i>ad val.</i>   |
| Otherwise—                                                                                            |                       |
| As india-rubber manufactures, n.e.i. ... ..                                                           | 15 % "                |
| *Vehicles, motor cars, motor parts of—                                                                |                       |
| When imported with the car to which they belong—                                                      |                       |
| As vehicles, n.e.i., and parts, n.e.i. ... ..                                                         | 20 % "                |
| Otherwise—                                                                                            |                       |
| As machinery and appliances, n.e.i., electrical ... ..                                                | 12½ % "               |

\* Revised decision.

The "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 8th July last contains notices by the Minister of Trade and Customs directing that, as "cocos oil" and "verbarine" can be used as substitutes for cocoa butter, such articles shall, on importation into the Commonwealth, be charged with the same duty as cocoa butter, viz., 1*d.* per lb.

### NEW ZEALAND.

A copy of the "New Zealand Gazette" for 8th June last has been received, containing an Order (No. 777) which was issued by the Commissioner of Trade and Customs on 7th June, 1905, giving Customs Decisions respecting the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into New Zealand.

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

The following are the principal decisions given :—

| Articles, and how classed.                                                                                                                                 | Rates of Duty.      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Brass sash lifts, fasteners and lock furniture—<br>As hardware ... ..                                                                                      | 20 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| Castings in the rough, being unfinished parts for manufacture of oil-engines—<br>As oil-engines ... ..                                                     | Free.               |
| Copper in sheets, polished on one side—<br>As articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Colony ... | Free.               |
| Rolled gold brooches, &c., pieces for repair work—<br>As fancy goods... ..                                                                                 | 20 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| "Sapon"—<br>As soap-powder ... ..                                                                                                                          | 20 % "              |
| "Wyandotte"—<br>As washing-powder ... ..                                                                                                                   | 20 % "              |
| Weighing-machine, automatic, attached to a combine threshing-machine—<br>As weighing-machines ... ..                                                       | 20 % "              |

### CEYLON.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the "Ceylon Government Gazette" for 21st July last, containing amended rules, made by the Governor of the Colony, to regulate the importation, storage, and transport of calcium carbide.

The rules, dated 8th February, 1902, are cancelled, and the importation is prohibited of calcium carbide, which contains impurities liable to generate phosphoretted hydrogen or siliciuretted hydrogen so as to render the gas evolved liable to ignite spontaneously.

Acetylene, when liquid or when subject to a pressure above that of the atmosphere, capable of supporting a column of water exceeding 100 inches in height, and whether or not in admixture with other substances, shall be deemed to be dangerous, and shall be prohibited from being manufactured, imported, kept, conveyed, or sold subject to the following exception :—

Acetylene in admixture with oil gas in a proportion not exceeding 20 parts by volume of acetylene in every 100 parts of the mixture, when subjected to a pressure not exceeding 150 lbs. to the square inch, shall not be deemed to be dangerous, provided that the acetylene and oil gas shall be mixed together in a chamber or vessel before the gases are subject to compression.

The rules under notice also direct that certain regulations are to be observed by the masters of vessels carrying calcium carbide, and provide regulations respecting the storage and transport of the article.

The full text of the rules may be seen by persons interested, on

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#### **CEYLON**—*continued.*

application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

The same issue of the "Ceylon Government Gazette" also contains a Proclamation, issued by the Governor of Ceylon on the 11th July last, prohibiting the exportation from the Colony of the hides of spotted deer and sambur during the period from 11th July, 1905, to 1st September, 1906.

**Prohibition of the Exportation of Hides of Spotted Deer and Sambur.**

#### **NATAL.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the "Natal Government Gazette" for 18th July last, containing an Act (No. 19 of 1905), amending the Customs Consolidation and Shipping Act, 1899, by expunging from Section 38 thereof the following words:—

Articles of foreign manufacture, bearing the name, marks, or brands of manufacturers resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or bearing marks contravening the provisions of any Act relating to merchandise marks; and in lieu thereof substituting the following:—

Articles not manufactured in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing the name, marks, or brands of manufacturers resident in the said United Kingdom.

Articles from any place without the Colony of Natal bearing marks contravening the provisions of any Law or Act relating to merchandise marks.

By section 38 of the Customs Consolidation and Shipping Act, 1899, the importation of certain goods into Natal is prohibited, and the effect of the new Act, which operates from 1st July, 1905, is to prohibit the importation of such articles as are described by the substituted words.

#### **GAMBIA.**

With reference to the Notice which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16th March last, a copy of an Ordinance (No. 8 of 1905) has been received, amending the Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1905.

The present Ordinance provides that nothing in the Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1905 (No. 1 of 1905) "shall be construed as revoking or impairing the powers conferred on the Governor by Section 38 of the Customs Ordinance, 1882, to direct the duties on any goods to be paid on the first importation to the effect that such goods shall not be warehoused either for home consumption or exportation."



*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***MAURITIUS.**

The Board of Trade have received from the Collector of Customs at Mauritius a copy of an Ordinance (No. 14 of 1905), which was assented to by the Governor of Mauritius on the 6th July last, and provides for the imposition of revised Customs duties on tobacco imported into Mauritius.

The alterations effected under the new Ordinance are as follows:—

| Articles.                                                                           | Import Duties, |             |            |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
|                                                                                     | Old Rates.     |             | New Rates. |             |
| <b>Tobacco:—</b>                                                                    | <b>Ra.</b>     | <b>Cts.</b> | <b>Ra.</b> | <b>Cts.</b> |
| Manufactured ... .. per kilog.                                                      | 2              | 45          | 2          | 60          |
| Unmanufactured ... .. "                                                             | 1              | 85          | 1          | 96          |
| Unmanufactured, butted or stemmed ... .. "                                          | 2              | 15          | 2          | 28          |
| Unmanufactured, grown and produced in any of the Dependencies of Mauritius ... .. " | 0              | 35          | 0          | 37          |
| Cigars and snuff ... .. "                                                           | 3              | 30          | —          | —           |
| Cigars, cigarettes and snuff ... .. "                                               | —              | —           | 3          | 50          |

The Board of Trade have also received from the Collector of Customs at Mauritius a copy of a Proclamation (No. 45 of 1905), issued by the Governor of the Colony under date of 6th July last.

The Proclamation under notice prohibits the importation of mongooses into Mauritius, and directs that any such animal imported in contravention of the Proclamation shall be destroyed.

**RUSSIA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that, according to a notice published in the "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" of St. Petersburg on 17th/30th July, the new Russo-German Treaty of Commerce will come into force in Russia on 16th February/1st March, 1906.

The journal in question also states that the treaties now being negotiated with other Powers (e.g. France and Austria-Hungary) will come into force at the same time.

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**GERMANY—LUXEMBURG.**

**Reciprocal  
Recognition of  
the Results of the  
Inspection of  
Meat.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a recently ratified Treaty between the German Empire and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg providing that, as the inspection of beasts for slaughtering and of meat in the Grand Duchy have been newly regulated and brought into agreement with the regulations on the same subject obtaining in the German Empire, meat which has been examined or prepared in Luxemburg in accordance with the regulations in force there shall be treated in Germany on the same footing as meat which has been examined or passed in Germany.

The same holds good for the treatment of German meat in Luxemburg.

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**FRANCE.**

**Regulations  
respecting the  
Importation and  
Transit of certain  
Animals.**

The French "Journal Officiel" for the 30th July contains the text of a Presidential Decree, regulating the importation into, and the transit through France of horses, asses, cattle, sheep, goats and pigs.

The Decree provides that the above-mentioned animals can only be introduced through certain specified Customs-houses, and must be accompanied by a certificate of origin issued by the administrative authority of the place from which the animals come, stating that no disease that is contagious as regards the species which it is desired to import exists in the locality, or has existed during the six preceding weeks. Cattle, with the exception of cattle declared for slaughter and calves under one year old, are to be subjected to the tuberculine test on importation; and cattle exhibiting the characteristic reactions of tuberculosis, are, in the case of importations by sea, to be slaughtered at the port of disembarkation. The Decree also includes a tariff of sanitary dues payable by importers for the inspection of animals; and a statement of the measures to be taken with regard to contagious diseases, other than cattle pest, from which animals presented for importation may be found to be suffering.

The full text of the Decree (in French) may be seen by persons interested at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**FRANCE—TUNIS.**

The "Journal Officiel Tunisien" for 5th August, contains the text of a Beylical Decree, dated 29th July, 1905, establishing a new tariff of consumption duties on alcohol and alcoholic products in place of the corresponding tariff annexed to the Decree of the 2nd May, 1898. The new tariff, which was to come into force on the 15th August, and which, it may be noted, is applicable both to Tunisian and to imported products, provides for a consumption duty of two francs per hectolitre of pure alcohol contained in spirits denatured for purposes of heating, lighting, and power production, and in the spirit entering into the composition of varnish, and for a general rate of 125 francs per hectolitre of pure alcohol contained in spirits and wines of all kinds. The duty is, however, only levied, in the case of wines, on the alcohol over 15·9 degrees, and, in the case of cider, perry, mead, and beer, on the alcohol over ten degrees. It is also levied at special rates in the case of vermouth, liqueur wines, and imitation wines, viz., at half the rate for the first 15 degrees, and the full rate for each degree over, with a minimum duty equal to the duty on vermouth of 16 degrees, and liqueur wines and imitation wines of 15 degrees.

The full text of the Decree (in French) may be consulted by persons interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

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**PORTUGAL.**

The Portuguese "Diario do Governo" for the 25th July contains a Tariff of minimum values for use in the assessment of export duties on articles of domestic produce in cases where such duties are levied *ad valorem*, framed in pursuance of a Decree of the 6th February, 1902 (see "Board of Trade Journal" for the 22nd May, 1902, p. 357). This Tariff, which is in force for the third quarter of the current year, may be seen by persons interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

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**SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" for the 12th August contains the text of a Royal Decree suspending the import duty on forage imported into Spain until the 31st March next.

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#### SPAIN—continued.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 16th August contains a Royal Order notifying that the average rate of exchange (premium of exchange on Paris) during the first fortnight of August was 32.30 per cent., and that the corresponding reduction in payment of Customs duties which have to be made in gold during the second fortnight of the present month is to be 24 per cent.

#### ITALY.

The following is a translation of a further portion of the schedule of conventional duties to be levied on German imports into Italy attached to the new Commercial Treaty between Italy and Germany, which is to take effect, as regards imports into Italy, from the 31st March next. [For previous instalments see "Board of Trade Journal" for 3rd, 10th and 17th August.]

| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                      | Rate of Duty.                 |                                                             |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|            |                                                                                                                                                                                | At present.                   | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|            |                                                                                                                                                                                | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                               |
| 197        | Music, printed :                                                                                                                                                               |                               |                                                             |
| (a)        | Loose sheets or simply stitched...                                                                                                                                             | Free                          | Free                                                        |
| (b)        | Bound in any manner ...                                                                                                                                                        | 20 00                         | 20 00                                                       |
|            | <i>Note.</i> —Lithographed music is treated as printed music.                                                                                                                  |                               |                                                             |
| Ex 199     | Hides and skins—                                                                                                                                                               |                               |                                                             |
| Ex (d)     | Tanned without the hair and finished—                                                                                                                                          |                               |                                                             |
|            | 3. Other ( <i>i.e.</i> other than of kid and lamb, for gloves and sole leather) ...                                                                                            | 70 00                         | 70 00                                                       |
| (e)        | Patent leather ...                                                                                                                                                             | 90 00                         | 90 00                                                       |
| Ad 201     | Fur collars, boas and caps (with the exception of trimmed caps for women) with lining, ribbons, and cords of silk or other trimmings, are dutiable under No. 201 of the tariff |                               |                                                             |
| Ex 205     | Boots and shoes of all kinds, of india rubber, lined or trimmed with stuffs                                                                                                    | 125 00                        | 125 00                                                      |
| 207        | Manufactures of skins tanned without the hair, not specially mentioned...                                                                                                      | 100 00*                       | 100 00                                                      |

\* Under the Agreement with France, valises of leather, except those containing toilet or other requisites, forming travelling cases, pay 2.80 lire each.

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| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Rate of Duty.          |                                                             |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | At Present.            | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
| <i>Ex</i> 211 | Cast iron :                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Lire. Cts.             | Lire Cts.                                                   |
| <i>Ex</i> (c) | In castings, planed, turned or otherwise wrought—                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                                      |
|               | 1. In articles for furniture, for ornaments or for domestic utensils ... ..                                                                                                                                        | 10 00                  | 10 00                                                       |
|               | <i>Ex</i> 2. In other articles, excluding those weighing less than 500 grammes ... ..                                                                                                                              | 7 00                   | 7 00                                                        |
|               | <i>Notes.</i> —Articles of wrought cast iron dutiable under No. 211 (c) 2 may be covered with a rough coat of paint ( <i>couleur d'apprêt</i> ) or tarred, without being, for that reason, subject to higher duty. |                        |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> (d) | In castings with fittings of other metal, tinned, enamelled, nickelled, varnished, oxidised, lacquered, &c.—                                                                                                       |                        |                                                             |
|               | 1. In articles for furniture, for ornaments, or for domestic utensils—                                                                                                                                             |                        |                                                             |
|               | (a) Lamps and parts thereof, of cast iron, with or without fittings or ornaments of zinc, tinned, enamelled, nickelled, varnished, oxidised, lacquered ... ..                                                      | 15 00                  | 15 00                                                       |
|               | (b) Other ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 18 00*                 | 18 00                                                       |
|               | 2. In other articles, excluding those weighing less than 500 grammes ... ..                                                                                                                                        | 12 00                  | 12 00                                                       |
| 213           | Wrought iron and steel—                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |                                                             |
| (a)           | Rolled or hammered in rods or bars, of any section—                                                                                                                                                                |                        |                                                             |
|               | 1. Not having in section any diameter or side of 7 m.m. or less ... ..                                                                                                                                             | 6 00                   | 6 00                                                        |
|               | 2. Having in section one or more sides or diameters of 7 m.m. or less, but more than 5 m.m. ... ..                                                                                                                 | 7 00                   | 7 00                                                        |
|               | 3. Having in section one or more sides or diameters of 5 m.m. or less ... ..                                                                                                                                       | 9 00                   | 9 00                                                        |
| (b)           | Drawn in wire—                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                        |                                                             |
|               | 1. Having a diameter of 5 m.m. or less, but more than 1½ m.m. ... ..                                                                                                                                               | 11 00                  | 11 00                                                       |
|               | 2. Having a diameter of 1½ m.m. or less ... ..                                                                                                                                                                     | 15 00                  | 15 00                                                       |

\* Except for cooking stoves and gas heating-apparatus of cast iron, even with fittings of other metals, which, in virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, pay 13 lire per 100 kilogs.

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| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Rate of Duty.                                                  |                                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | At present.                                                    | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty.    |
| 213<br>(c)    | Wrought iron and steel ( <i>contd.</i> )—<br>In sheets and plates of a thickness—<br>1. Of 4 m.m. and more ...<br>2. Of less than 4 m.m. and more than 1½ m.m. ...<br>3. Of 1½ m.m. and less ...<br><i>Note.</i> —In case of doubt, the thickness of sheets is to be determined by ascertaining their precise weight and area. The thickness of the sheet shall be deduced from the weight and area by assuming a specific weight of 7·8 kilogs. per square metre as the unit of weight for a sheet 1 m.m. thick | Lire. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>7 00<br>10 00<br>12 00 | Lire. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>7 00<br>10 00<br>12 00 |
| <i>Ad</i> 214 | Tempered steel is assimilated to untempered steel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                |                                                                |
| 216           | Tubes of wrought sheet iron and steel, of a thickness of—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                |                                                                |
| (a)           | 4 m.m. and more ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 12 00                                                          | 12 00                                                          |
| (b)           | Less than 4 m.m. and more than 1½ m.m. ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 14 00                                                          | 14 00                                                          |
| (c)           | 1½ m.m. and less ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 17 00                                                          | 17 00                                                          |
| <i>Ex</i> 217 | Coarse articles of iron and steel, forged or cast, weighing:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                |                                                                |
| (a)           | 50 kilogs and more ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9 00                                                           | 9 00                                                           |
| <i>Ex</i> (b) | Less than 50, but more than 5 kilogs. ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12 00*                                                         | 12 00                                                          |
| <i>Ex</i> 218 | Iron and steel of second manufacture (excepting iron or steel hawsers and iron or steel nails), in articles—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                |                                                                |
| <i>Ex</i> (a) | Principally manufactured from large pieces of iron or steel—<br><i>Ex</i> 2. Planed, filed, turned, perforated, &c., on the entire surface or large part thereof ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 13 25                                                          | 13 25                                                          |
|               | <i>Note.</i> —Articles made in greater part of forged or cast pieces of iron or steel weighing over 25 kilogs, and articles made in greater part of rolled or wire-drawn pieces of iron or steel not presenting in section any side or diameter of 7 m.m. or less, will be regarded as articles principally manufactured with large pieces of iron or steel.                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                |                                                                |

\* In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, hinges of iron, simply wrought, pay 10 lire per 100 kilogs.

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#### ITALY—continued.

| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Rate of Duty.                |                                                             |
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|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | At present.                  | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Lire Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. | Lire Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                                |
| <i>Ex</i> 218 | Iron and steel of second manufacture &c. ( <i>contd.</i> )—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> (b) | Principally manufactured from small pieces of iron or steel:<br><i>Ex</i> 2. Planed, filed, turned, perforated, &c., on the entire surface or large part thereof:<br>(a) Dishes, frying pans, and the like, of sheet iron with only the interiors polished ...                                                                                                                                                                   | 16 50                        | 16 50                                                       |
|               | (b) Other ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 17 25                        | 17 25                                                       |
|               | 3. Tinned, coated with lead or zinc, lacquered, varnished..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 17 25*                       | 17 25                                                       |
|               | <i>Ex</i> 4. Oxidised, enamelled, nickelled, with fittings of other metals, or in combination with glass or ceramic products (excepting utensils of domestic use and plates, dishes, &c. ( <i>vasellame</i> ), of enamelled iron ...                                                                                                                                                                                             | 30 00†                       | 30 00                                                       |
|               | <i>Note.</i> —Articles which the repertory at present in force expressly classifies under the heading of "Iron and steel of second manufacture," are dutiable as nickelled articles if they are wholly or partly burnished. Exception to this rule is made in the case of safes and strong boxes, which are dutiable under No. 218 (a) 2 and (b) 2, even if they are furnished with usual non-ornamental accessories, burnished. |                              |                                                             |
| <i>Ad</i> 218 | Safes are dutiable under No. 218 (a) 2 and (b) 2, even if they have usual non-ornamental accessories coated with other metals, or gilt or not.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                              |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> 222 | Implements and tools for arts and trades, of cast iron, wrought iron, or steel—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> (a) | Common—<br><i>Ex</i> 2. Machine-tools for wood or metal working, weighing more than 50 and up to 300 kilogs, even with burnished parts ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 14 50                        | 14 50                                                       |

\* In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, cans for carrying milk, &c., and milk pans, tinned, pay 14 lire per 100 kilogs.

† In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, heddles or heddles of steel and heddle reeds fitted with steel heddles, nickelled, pay 17.25 lire per 100 kilogs.

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| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Rate of Duty.                       |                                                             |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | At Present.                         | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|            | <b>Implements, tools, &amp;c. (contd.)—</b><br><b>Common (contd.)—</b><br>3. Other ( <i>i.e.</i> , other than those (1) enamelled, lacquered or oxidised, and (2) polished, varnished, coated with zinc, or lead, galvanised, coppered, tinned, or combined with other metals) ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —The following are regarded as common implements and tools :—<br>Axes, ploughs, hatchets, agricultural implements in general, shovels, anvils, wedges, vices, masons' trowels, hoes, harrows, drawplates, gauges, pitch-forks, sculptors' mallets, levers, cleavers, hammers, blacksmiths' vices, scoops, stakes, picks, rakes, hoes, pinners, ploughshares, &c.<br>Burnished implements and tools of this description are assimilated to those enamelled, lacquered or oxidised, and pay duty under No. 222 (a) 1 of the tariff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Lire Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> | Lire Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                         |
|            | 3. Other ( <i>i.e.</i> , other than those (1) enamelled, lacquered or oxidised, and (2) polished, varnished, coated with zinc, or lead, galvanised, coppered, tinned, or combined with other metals) ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —The following are regarded as common implements and tools :—<br>Axes, ploughs, hatchets, agricultural implements in general, shovels, anvils, wedges, vices, masons' trowels, hoes, harrows, drawplates, gauges, pitch-forks, sculptors' mallets, levers, cleavers, hammers, blacksmiths' vices, scoops, stakes, picks, rakes, hoes, pinners, ploughshares, &c.<br>Burnished implements and tools of this description are assimilated to those enamelled, lacquered or oxidised, and pay duty under No. 222 (a) 1 of the tariff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 13 00                               | 13 00                                                       |
| (b)        | <b>Fine—</b><br>1. Enamelled, lacquered, oxidised or burnished ... ..<br>2. Other, even polished, varnished, covered with zinc or lead, galvanised, coppered, tinned, or in combination with other metals ... ..<br>Machine-tools for the working of wood and metals, weighing 50 kilogs or less, even with burnished parts ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —The following are regarded as fine implements and tools :—<br>Jacks, balances, burnishers, gravers, screw-drivers, composing sticks, letter presses, shears, scythes, sickles, garden-knives, tinmiths' shears, portable forges, dies and punches; tools not specially mentioned for shoemakers, gilders, carpenters, blacksmiths, farriers, hair-dressers, printers and other artisans; flat and crimping irons, saw blades, awls, screw wrenches, plane irons, smoothing irons, combs, planes, nippers, punches, bodkins, billhooks, scrapers, drills for augers and centre-bits, chisels, saws, gouges, spatulas, punches, borer, large and small, stamps, presses for stamps and dies, watchmakers' lathes, hand-drills, quill-bits, &c. | 23 00<br>12 00* }<br>17 00† }       | 22 00<br>17 00                                              |
|            | Machine-tools for the working of wood and metals, weighing 50 kilogs or less, even with burnished parts ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —The following are regarded as fine implements and tools :—<br>Jacks, balances, burnishers, gravers, screw-drivers, composing sticks, letter presses, shears, scythes, sickles, garden-knives, tinmiths' shears, portable forges, dies and punches; tools not specially mentioned for shoemakers, gilders, carpenters, blacksmiths, farriers, hair-dressers, printers and other artisans; flat and crimping irons, saw blades, awls, screw wrenches, plane irons, smoothing irons, combs, planes, nippers, punches, bodkins, billhooks, scrapers, drills for augers and centre-bits, chisels, saws, gouges, spatulas, punches, borer, large and small, stamps, presses for stamps and dies, watchmakers' lathes, hand-drills, quill-bits, &c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 17 00                               | 16 00                                                       |

\* Scythes and sickles.

† Other.



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| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Rate of Duty.          |                                                             |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | At Present.            | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|               | <b>Implements and tools, &amp;c.—<i>cont'd.</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Lire. Cts.</b>      | <b>Lire. Cts.</b>                                           |
| (c)           | Files and rasps having a length (not including the handle)—                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                                      |
|               | 1. Exceeding 30 c.m. ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 13 00                  | 13 00                                                       |
|               | 2. From 15 to 30 c.m. ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 15 00                  | 15 00                                                       |
|               | 3. Less than 15 c.m. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 20 00                  | 20 00                                                       |
| <i>Ex 223</i> | Watch chains, buckles, thimbles, clasps, chains and rings for keys, frames, locks, fittings, and clasps, for bags and purses; all these articles of iron or steel, burnished ...                                                                   | 80 00                  | 80 00                                                       |
| 224           | Needles and pins ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 80 00                  | 80 00                                                       |
| <i>Ex 225</i> | Copper, brass and bronze—                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                        |                                                             |
| <i>Ex (d)</i> | Wire more than $\frac{1}{4}$ m.m. in diameter                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 20 00                  | 20 00                                                       |
| (h)           | Ornamental wares, neither gilt nor silvered ...                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 75 00*†                | 75 00                                                       |
| <i>Ex (f)</i> | Gilt or silvered—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |                                                             |
|               | 3. In other articles ( <i>i.e.</i> other than bars, sheets, wire, and wound on threads of textile materials) ...                                                                                                                                   | 120 00†                | 120 00                                                      |
|               | <i>Note.</i> —Under No. 225 (i) 3 are included articles of this kind even if they are coated or plated with gold or silver, so far as the repertory in force does not expressly assimilate them to articles of gold or silver or to small wares.   |                        |                                                             |
| <i>Ex (l)</i> | In articles not specially mentioned, except screws and screw-bolts ...                                                                                                                                                                             | 30 00                  | 30 00                                                       |
| <i>Ad 225</i> | In the event of the duty on copper in ingots, cakes, filings, and scrap (No. 225 (a) being increased, the conventional duties fixed for the articles included under Nos. 225 <i>Ex (d)</i> and 225 <i>Ex (l)</i> may be proportionately increased. |                        |                                                             |
| <i>Ex 228</i> | Lead and its alloys with antimony—                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |                                                             |
| (d)           | Printing type ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 18 00                  | 18 00                                                       |
| <i>Ex 230</i> | Zinc—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                        |                                                             |
| (b)           | Plates and sheets ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4 00                   | 4 00                                                        |
| (c)           | Manufactures—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                        |                                                             |
|               | 1. Gilt or silvered ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 58 00                  | 58 00                                                       |
|               | 2. Neither gilt nor silvered, with ornaments or varnish of any kind ...                                                                                                                                                                            | 12 00                  | 12 00                                                       |
|               | 3. Not specially mentioned ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12 00                  | 12 00                                                       |
|               | <i>Note.</i> —Nickelled manufactures of this description are included under No. 230 (c) 2.                                                                                                                                                         |                        |                                                             |

(To be continued.)

\* In virtue of the Agreement with France, hooks and clasps (*gancherelle*) of copper or brass pay 50 lire per 100 kilogs.

† Under the new Treaty with Switzerland, upholsterers' nails (*clous de tapisserie*) with shank of iron and head of other common metals, pay 50 lire per 100 kilogs.

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#### **TURKEY.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 428 of the "Journal" for the 2nd March last, on the subject of the chemical analysis of articles of consumption imported into Turkey, it may be noted that the "Bulletin de la Chambre de Commerce française de Constantinople" contains the text of the new Turkish Law dealing with this matter. The following are the principal provisions of this Law:—

**Chemical  
Analysis of  
Imported  
Articles of  
Consumption.**

The goods subject to sanitary inspection and analysis by the Customs are (1) chemical and pharmaceutical preparations and specialities; (2) butter, oils, and flour; (3) coffee and tea; (4) liqueurs and alcoholic beverages.

With regard to chemical and pharmaceutical preparations and specialities, the Law prohibits the importation of medicines of which the composition is unknown, or whose purity is below the standard established in the pharmaceutical code adopted by the Imperial Government. However, medicines of unknown composition will be admitted if accompanied by a certificate from an official academy or recognised institution or body having an official character, and by a list enumerating the substances composing the medicine, without specifying the quantity of each substance employed, provided that the chemical analysis made by the Customs shows the preparation to be free from all prohibited materials. The importation of specialities prepared with certain specified drugs (*e.g.*, cocaine and *Canabis Indica*), as also of chemical substances, such as chlorate of potash or soda, picrates, and nitroglycerine, which are used in the manufacture of explosives, is prohibited; but, so far as regards the latter class of materials, those substances of indispensable use in medicine, such as chlorate and nitrate of potash and soda, or which are employed for agricultural and industrial purposes, will be furnished to chemists, &c., in fixed quantities by the authorised departments. Moreover, it is permitted to import chlorate of potash, &c., in a form unfitted for the manufacture of explosives, such as, for example, in the form of medicinal lozenges.

As for the other classes of merchandise subject to Customs analysis, the Law specifically prohibits the importation of the following articles:—

Oils and butter mixed with substances hurtful to health, or in a rancid or stale condition; flour containing plaster, chalk, gypsum, talc, &c., and flour not containing as much as 6 per cent. of gluten; coffee coloured with poisonous mineral materials, such as chrome green; artificial tea, or tea mixed with foreign matter; liqueurs and alcoholic beverages containing salicylic acid, or coloured, or mixed with noxious substances, in order to increase

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their strength, to such an extent as to render them injurious to health; goods found to be coloured with poisonous substances, such as lead, chrome, mercury, and copper.

The full text of the Law, which also includes regulations as to the taking of samples for analysis, and as to the procedure to be followed in the case of disputed analyses, may be seen by persons interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

### MEXICO.

With reference to the notices which appeared in the "Journal" for the 3rd and 10th August, the following is a translation of a further section of the text of the revised Customs Tariff for Mexico, which is to come into force on the 1st September next:—

[Continued from p. 269 of the "Journal" for the 10th August.]

| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                    | Unit.                                             | Duty.              |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 302 | Glass, china, and porcelain insulators... ..                                                                                                                 | Kilog. gross                                      | Peas. cts.<br>0 01 |
| 303 | Common glass bottles, without glass stoppers, to serve as ordinary receptacles of wines, spirits, liquors and beer ... ..                                    | 100 kiloga. gross                                 | 2 20               |
| 304 | Common glass bottles and flasks, without glass stoppers, for special purposes, provided that the glass is indelibly stamped in any distinctive manner ... .. | Kilog. gross                                      | 0 06               |
| 305 | Demijohns or carboys ... ..                                                                                                                                  | " "                                               | 0 04               |
| 312 | Flasks, jars, and vessels of common clay, for bottling industrial products ... ..                                                                            | " "                                               | 0 01               |
| 313 | Glass flasks covered with leather, cane, cloth, gutta-percha, or common metal ... ..                                                                         | " legal                                           | 0 60               |
| 323 | Glass tiles for flooring, not less than 1 centimetre in thickness ... ..                                                                                     | " gross                                           | 0 04               |
| 325 | Cotton cord, with a diameter not exceeding 10 millimetres ... ..                                                                                             | " legal                                           | 1 32               |
| 326 | Cotton cord, with a diameter exceeding 10 millimetres ... ..                                                                                                 | " "                                               | 0 18               |
| 327 | Cotton yarn ( <i>hilaza</i> ) ... ..                                                                                                                         | " "                                               | 0 50               |
| 328 | Cotton thread in balls or skeins, or on bobbins ... ..                                                                                                       | " net                                             | 1 40               |
| 329 | Cotton wick ... ..                                                                                                                                           | " legal                                           | 0 22               |
| 330 | Cotton lace and point of all kinds, and manufactures thereof ... ..                                                                                          | " "                                               | 6 00               |
| 331 | Cotton handkerchiefs, uncut and unhemmed ... ..                                                                                                              | Pay the duty on the tissue of which they are made |                    |
| 332 | Cotton handkerchiefs, cut or hemmed ... ..                                                                                                                   |                                                   |                    |
| 333 | Cotton tissues, bleached or unbleached, of smooth texture, not exceeding 30 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side ... ..                | Square metre                                      | 0 08               |

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| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                               | Unit.        | Duty.       |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                         |              | Pesos, c's. |
| 334 | Cotton tissues, bleached or unbleached, of smooth texture, of more than 30 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side ... ..                                            | Square metre | 0 11        |
| 335 | Cotton tissues, coloured, printed, or dyed, of smooth texture, containing not more than 30 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side ... ..                            | " "          | 0 11        |
| 336 | Cotton tissues, coloured, printed, or dyed, of smooth texture, containing more than 80 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side ... ..                                | " "          | 0 17        |
| 337 | Cotton tissues, bleached or unbleached, or coloured, of a texture which is not smooth...                                                                                                | " "          | 0 2)        |
| 338 | Cotton tissues of all kinds, embroidered with wool ... ..                                                                                                                               | " "          | 0 23        |
| 339 | Cotton tissues of all kinds, interwoven with non-precious metal, either in the form of showers ( <i>lluvia</i> ), or in woven or embroidered designs or patterns ... ..                 | Kilog. legal | 2 20        |
| 340 | Cotton tissues of all kinds, interwoven with precious metal in the form of showers ( <i>lluvia</i> ) or threads ... ..                                                                  | " "          | 3 30        |
| 341 | Cotton tissues of all kinds, with admixture of precious metal in woven or embroidered designs or patterns ... ..                                                                        | " "          | 5 50        |
| 342 | Carpets and rugs ( <i>tapetes</i> ) of cotton velvet ( <i>rizo</i> ) or shag, on a foundation of any vegetable fibre ... ..                                                             | Square metre | 0 23        |
| 343 | Cotton tassels, even with core of some other material ... ..                                                                                                                            | Kilog. legal | 0 70        |
| 344 | Cotton tassels, with cords of the same material                                                                                                                                         | " "          | 1 80        |
| 345 | Socks and stockings of cotton stocking-net, even with ornaments of different material, other than precious metal or silk ... ..                                                         | " "          | 1 90        |
| 346 | Socks and stockings of cotton stocking-net, with silk ornaments ... ..                                                                                                                  | " "          | 2 20        |
| 347 | Drawers, and under and outer shirts of cotton tissue, for men and boys ... ..                                                                                                           | " "          | 2 00        |
| 348 | Under and outer shirts of cotton tissue for men and boys, with ornaments of wool or silk, or with linen fronts, collars and cuffs...                                                    | " "          | 2 50        |
| 349 | Undershirts, or vests, drawers, cache-corsets and other articles of cotton stocking-net, not specified, even with ornaments of different material, other than precious metal or silk... | " "          | 2 40        |
| 350 | Undershirts, drawers, cache-corsets, and other articles of cotton stocking-net, not specified, with ornaments of silk ... ..                                                            | " "          | 2 80        |
| 351 | Blankets, counterpanes, bed-spreads, curtains, table-covers, shawls, antimacassars, and pillow-cases of cotton tissue, without embroidery ... ..                                        | " "          | 1 10        |
| 352 | Blankets, counterpanes, bed-spreads, curtains, table-covers, shawls, antimacassars, and pillow-cases of cotton tissue, with embroidery ... ..                                           | " "          | 1 70        |

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| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Unit.        | Duty.       |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              | Pesos. cts. |
| 353 | Cotton corsets, even with tapes and small ornaments which are not of precious metal...                                                                                                                                                                         | Kilog. legal | 3 00        |
| 354 | Dress lengths, of cotton tissue, even when ornamented with cotton or linen embroidery or lace, for women and girls ... ..                                                                                                                                      | " "          | 1 60        |
| 355 | Dress lengths of cotton tissue, with ornaments of silk, or with skirt or overskirt of cotton lace or point ... ..                                                                                                                                              | " "          | 2 50        |
| 356 | Cotton ruffles, fringes, galloons, trimmings, tapes, edgings, ribbons, and nettings ...                                                                                                                                                                        | " "          | 2 30        |
| 357 | Cotton ruffles, fringes, galloons, trimmings, tapes, edgings, ribbons, and nettings with beads of glass, common metal or paste ...                                                                                                                             | " "          | 1 15        |
| 358 | Cotton garters and braces ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | " "          | 1 20        |
| 359 | Cotton handkerchiefs, with trimming of cotton or linen lace ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                             | Each         | 0 22        |
| 360 | Cotton umbrellas, parasols and sunshades ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | "            | 0 66        |
| 361 | Shirt fronts, collars, and cuffs of cotton, neither embroidered nor open-worked ...                                                                                                                                                                            | Kilog. legal | 1 70        |
| 362 | Shirt fronts, collars, and cuffs of cotton, embroidered or open-worked ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                  | " "          | 2 20        |
| 363 | Cotton "rebozos" or shawls having up to 26 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side... ..                                                                                                                                                    | Square metre | 1 30        |
| 364 | Cotton "rebozos" or shawls, having more than 26 and up to 38 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side... ..                                                                                                                                  | " "          | 2 40        |
| 365 | Cotton "rebozos" or shawls having more than 38 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side ... ..                                                                                                                                               | " "          | 5 50        |
| 366 | Elastic webbing of cotton and caoutchouc, more than 4 centimetres in width ... ..                                                                                                                                                                              | Kilog. legal | 0 66        |
| 367 | Elastic webbing of cotton and caoutchouc, not exceeding 4 centimetres in width ...                                                                                                                                                                             | " "          | 1 00        |
| 368 | Ready-made clothing, not specified, and parts thereof, when sewn, of cotton tissue of all kinds and textures, even with lace trimmings or insertions of cotton or linen, or with ribbons of silk or combined with common metal, for adults and children ... .. | " "          | 2 75        |
| 369 | Ready-made clothing, not specified, and parts thereof, when sewn, of cotton tissue of all kinds and textures, when trimmed with silk ribbons or combined with tissue containing silk, or with skirts or overskirts of cotton lace or point ... ..              | " "          | 3 30        |
| 370 | Cotton insertions, open-worked or embroidered with cotton, wool, or linen ... ..                                                                                                                                                                               | " "          | 2 20        |
| 371 | Cotton insertions, open-worked or embroidered with cotton, wool, or linen, with beads of glass, common metal, or paste ... ..                                                                                                                                  | " "          | 1 40        |

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**JAPAN.**

The "Japan Weekly Mail" for 24th June contains a copy of special regulations which have been issued by the Yokohama Customs authorities with a view to expediting the Customs clearance of goods at that port, and so relieving the congestion of goods at the Customs House.

**Facilities for  
Customs  
Clearance at  
Yokohama.**

Provision is made for the examination on board ships or lighters of certain specified goods, including goods which are exempt from import duty, and goods for export. Further, importers will be permitted to take delivery of various articles (wool, rice, bran, flax, hemp, jute, guano, tea-box lead, &c.) before examination, leaving a sample only for subsequent examination; and modifications of Customs procedure, in order to facilitate the delivery of hardware and electro-plated ware, are sanctioned. It is also understood that the period after landing within which goods may be cleared through the Customs without becoming liable to warehouse charges has been reduced to four days.

A telegram from H.M. Minister at Tokio, received through the Foreign Office, states that similar regulations will be issued by the Kobe Customs authorities with the same object.

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**SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.**
**RUSSIA.**

H.M. Consul-General at Odessa (Mr. C. S. Smith), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that the Dobrovolni Flot (or Volunteer Fleet) are not at present, and are unlikely to be for some time, able to compete in ordinary cargo carrying work. There have been reports that new ships have been ordered, but Mr. Smith believes that nothing has been done.

"In my reports Nos. 2709 and 2522," he continues, "it was noted that the prohibition of trade between Russian ports in foreign bottoms was being put in force. In view of the losses and requirements of the present war and the numbers of seamen called out, the restriction has been relaxed, and foreign steamers once more carry cargo between the Russian Black Sea and Baltic ports. I understand that so far the privilege has been confined to vessels chartered by the Russian Steam Navigation and Trading Company." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,480.)

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**RUSSIA—continued.**

**Improvement in Port of Windau.** The British Vice-Consul at Windau (Mr. E. H. Ruffmann), in his report to the Foreign Office, states that the importance of the port of Windau has naturally increased since the opening of the Moscow-Windau Railway. Formerly the trade was purely local, but the railway has effected a change. The local timber export trade has also profited thereby. The facilities now available in consequence of improvements of the harbour as well as the extension of the railway have made Windau one of the best Russian ports on the Baltic, rivalling Libau, and in winter it is one of the most convenient outlets and inlets for produce and goods when Riga and the other ports are closed by ice, a fact which is proved by a tendency of firms at the places mentioned to open branch offices at Windau. The port of Windau is never closed by ice.

**Railway from Windau to Moscow.** The last section of the district line from Windau to Moscow, according to Mr. Ruffmann, was completed in the autumn (of 1904), and direct trains then commenced running to Moscow, so that many goods may now be brought direct without having to pass through Riga. There can be no doubt that the new direct route will be of great benefit to the trade of Windau. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,481.*)

**Orenburg-Tashkend Railway.** Referring to the notice on pp. 72-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 13th July, the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. Henry Cooke) reports that according to the official "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" the newly-constructed Tashkend railway, together with the junction line from Kivel to Orenburg transferred to it by the Samara-Zlatoust railway, is now starting regular passenger and goods traffic from Kivel through Orenburg to the station of Kubek, and from the 1st September the above portion of the line will be brought into direct through passenger and goods communication with the rest of the Russian railway system. As work is concluded on the portion of the line from Kubek to Tashkend, regular traffic will be gradually introduced. By the New Year the whole of the line will be handed over, for regular traffic, to the head local railway administration at Orenburg.

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**SWITZERLAND.**

**Navigation of the Upper Rhine.** A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Legation at Berne, in which it is stated that the successful experiments in navigation with freight vessels in ballast which have recently taken place on the Rhine between Strasburg and Bâle have drawn

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public attention in Switzerland to the commercial revolution which will be effected in the near future, when heavy freights will be conveyed by water from the North Sea ports to that country. It is calculated by experts that, at the rate of 4s. 6d. per ton between Mannheim and Bâle, the amount saved to Switzerland on the transport cost of importation by the opening of Bâle to navigation will total 215,850*l.*, while the economies in the export and transit trades will amount to 28,000*l.* and 16,000*l.* respectively. Thus the total annual profit accruing to Swiss industry and commerce by the impending change will exceed a quarter of a million sterling.

It is understood that the chief remaining difficulty in the way of the execution of this important object is the question of the compensation to be awarded to the city of Mannheim which is at present the terminus of the river traffic, and would be the principal sufferer by the conversion of the Upper Rhine into a navigable waterway.

#### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari) reports that the "Austrian Lloyd Steamship Company" and the "Adria," have arrived at an agreement respecting the transport of sugar. The "Austrian Lloyd" will carry the sugar to the Indies at 10s. per ton, whilst the "Adria" will undertake the transport of sugar to England at 8s. per ton.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from the Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari) reporting that the Austrian Lloyd Steamship Company have induced the several small Dalmatian Steamship Societies to create, in union with the Austrian Lloyd, one combined new large steamship company for the Dalmatian service with head office at Trieste. Facilities and protection to secure the success of this enterprise will be asked of the Central Government.

### MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

#### CANADA.

The American Iron and Steel Association has received direct from the manufacturers the statistics of the production of pig iron in Canada in the first six months of 1905. The figures show a large increase as compared with either of the two halves of 1904, as will be seen by the following table, which gives the production according to the fuel used in tons of 2,240 lbs., in half-yearly periods:—

**Fig Iron Production, First Half of 1905.**



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| Fuel used.      | First half<br>of 1904. | Second half<br>of 1904. | First half<br>of 1905. |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                 | Tons.                  | Tons.                   | Tons.                  |
| Coke ... ..     | 111,840                | 139,831                 | 188,541                |
| Charcoal ... .. | 8,803                  | 10,468                  | 21,665                 |
| Total... ..     | 120,643                | 150,299                 | 210,206                |

The Canadian production of pig iron in the first half of 1905 was the greatest in any half year in the history of the Dominion, exceeding by 48,453 tons that of the last half of 1902, the next highest half year, when 161,753 tons were made. It was also greater than the production of any whole year prior to 1901. Down to that year the production of pig iron in Canada never amounted to 100,000 tons in any calendar year.

The production of Bessemer pig iron in the first half of 1905 amounted to 63,785 tons. There was no production of Bessemer pig iron in the first half of 1904, and only 26,016 tons were made in the second half of that year. The production of basic pig iron in the first half of 1905 amounted to 68,378 tons, against 28,981 tons in the first half of 1904 and 41,152 tons in the second half.

**GAMBIA.**

According to the report on this Colony recently issued by the Colonial Office, vast ridges of ironstone exist in the Upper River territories, not far from the Gambia river, and these may possibly be exploited in years to come.

**Ironstone.****MEXICO.**

Referring to the notice on pp. 259-60 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 11th May last, a despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Legation in Mexico, reporting that, by a Decree dated 19th June, the reduction in the tax on metallurgical establishments refining gold and silver up to a degree at which the product contains at least 999 in 1,000 parts of pure metal, which was foreshadowed in Article 4 of the Law of 25th March, has now been made, viz., from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the value of the metals thus refined, the reduction to be retro-active and take effect from 1st May last.

**Reduction in  
Tax on  
Establishments  
Refining Gold  
and Silver.**

### *Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.*

#### GUATEMALA.

H.M. Consul at Guatemala (Mr. H. A. R. Hervey) remarks in his recent report that it is well known that certain parts of the Republic contain great mineral wealth, and with the building up of new roads it may be hoped in the near future to see considerable activity in mining of all sorts. In the north-east and south-east there are mines of gold, silver, lead, zinc, &c., in operation, whilst in the north-west towards the Mexican frontier are also to be found lead, silver, copper and gold. A good mountain cart road with bridges complete has just been carried into the heart of the mining region, and several valuable properties are being developed. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,469.*)

#### ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross, C.B.) reports under date of 20th July, that no gold has been won by dredging in the Argentine Republic. Some fifteen or twenty companies have been floated in Buenos Ayres to work on rivers in the Argentine, in Chile, Bolivia, and in Brazil, with a capital of a million and a half sterling. For a short time there was a great demand for the shares of these companies, and as much as 4*l.* 4*s.* was paid for 1*l.* shares. At present there is no demand for the scrip. Several of the companies have imported dredges, and in the course of this year results ought to appear if they are going to at all. Reports made by New Zealand mining engineers state that there are good prospects of large returns from the rivers. On the Bolivian rivers the average results of numerous tests were from 40 cents gold to 1.20 dollars per cubic yard. In Tierra del Fuego (Chile) the average of fifty-six bores was 16 cents gold per yard of stuff moved.

### YARNS AND TEXTILES.

#### BRITISH INDIA.

According to information received at the Board of Trade through the India Office, there were 38 jute mills in India working jute at the end of 1904-05. Except one at Cawnpore and one at Chittivalsa in the Vizagapatam district, all the mills are in Bengal, most of them being in the vicinity of Calcutta.

The mills employed a daily average number of 133,162 persons and contained 19,991 looms and 409,170 spindles. The nominal capital of such of the mills as are worked by joint stock companies and two mills privately owned is stated at Rs. 8,09,30,370, including the sterling capital of 2,283,358*l.* of which 2,223,894*l.* is paid up, and of the rupee capital Rs. 4,28,57,225 is paid up.

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There were also debentures of 197,858*l.* and Rs. 1,88,92,804, issued by 19 companies. Three of the mills are privately owned. The capital invested in two of them is Rs. 63,75,000 (including the rupee equivalent of the capital of 400,000*l.* belonging to one mill), and one has not reported its capital.

The producing capacity of the mills and the capital employed have nearly doubled in the last decade. The sterling capital has increased by 76 per cent. and the rupee capital by 71 per cent.:—

| —                    |     |     |     |     | 1895-96.        | 1904-05.    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-------------|
| Number of mills ...  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28              | 88          |
| Capital ...          | ... | ... | ... | ... | Rs. 2,72,12,250 | 4,66,80,000 |
|                      |     |     |     |     | £1,297,222      | 2,283,358   |
| Persons employed ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 78,114          | 133,162     |
| Looms ...            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10,169          | 19,991      |
| Spindles ...         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 214,679         | 409,170     |

[N.B.—The small jute mill maintained by the Government of Bengal in the Alipore prison, is not included in these tables.]

**GAMBIA.**

In his recent report to the Colonial Office on the Colony and Protectorate of the Gambia, the Acting Colonial

**Cotton Goods.** Secretary writes:—

“The making of native cloths (pagans) still continues, but not nearly to the same extent as in the past. The reason is, that large quantities of cotton stuffs are imported from England and are made up into ‘bandy cloths,’ which are cheaper than those manufactured in this country. The weaving of the native cloths is primitive, looms of an ingenious kind being used, and the cloth woven in strips some 27 yards long and 9 inches wide.

“It seems incredible, but the native cloth spun by hand on these looms bears favourable comparison for durability with Manchester cotton goods.”

**AGRICULTURE.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 19th August, 1905, were as follows:—

|        |     |     |     |              |             |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|-------------|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | 28 <i>s.</i> | 5 <i>d.</i> |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | 23 <i>s.</i> | 4 <i>d.</i> |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | 16 <i>s.</i> | 4 <i>d.</i> |

For further particulars see p. 380.

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**GAMBIA.**

In his recent report to the Colonial Office on the Colony and Protectorate of the Gambia, the Acting Colonial Secretary writes:—

**Failure of  
Cotton Growing  
Experiments.**

“It is feared that the cultivation of cotton in this Colony is impossible, the soil being too sandy. The endeavour on the part of the Government and the British Cotton Growing Association to foster the trade has resulted in a substantial loss. A great quantity of seed was distributed gratis during the past planting season, but the reports received are most unsatisfactory, the crop being a total failure. The fact is, that the people will take little or no interest in the cultivation, and such cotton as they do grow they prefer to keep for their own consumption for the making of ‘pagns’ (native cloths), rather than to sell it at a price at which it would pay to export the product. Ground-nuts pay better, give less trouble to cultivate, and provide sufficient for the ‘off season’s keep.’”

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**FEDERATED MALAY STATES.**

The Superintendent of the Federated Malay States Experimental Plantations states in his recently published annual report:—The experimental cultivation of cotton has been carried out throughout the year, but with discouraging results. Samples of the Egyptian variety, ginned and unginned, have been forwarded to the Imperial Institute for valuation and report. The plants which yielded these samples are now 18 months old, and have been blooming and fruiting more or less continually for the last nine months; the crop, however, has only been trifling, and much of this has been lost, as it could only be gathered during an occasional spell of dry weather.

Some 22 varieties of Sea Island cotton have also been tried, but in all cases the growth was unsatisfactory; these plants were seriously attacked by the cotton weevil (*Dysdercus suturellus*). The results go to confirm the opinion previously expressed by the Superintendent, viz., that while good samples can occasionally be obtained, the conditions obtaining in the Federated Malay States are not favourable to this cultivation on account of the attacks of borers.

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross, C.B.), writing on the subject of the cotton industry in the Argentine Republic states that this received a check from the heavy fall in the price of cotton. Planting of new ground is going on in Resistencia. Land is so

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cheap still and the ground is so productive that the business can be made to pay even at the present low prices of the raw material. Labour and transport are the chief hindrances.

Two cotton mills are being organised in Buenos Ayres. The first, which will commence operations at an early date, has 6,000 spindles; and the second, which is not yet built, is to have 30,000 spindles.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 17th August, 1905.

**Cotton Statistics.** was 55,087 (including 43 bales British West Indian, and 100 bales British West African); the number imported during the 33 weeks ended the 17th August was 2,604,642 (including 3,765 bales British West Indian and 2,530 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 17th August, 1905, 4,241 bales, and for the 33 weeks, 263,032.

For further details see p. 380.

### RUSSIA.

H.M. Consul at Kieff (Mr. H. P. Smith), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that Germany and the United Kingdom are the mainstays of Russia's foreign trade; between them they account for about half the exports from Russia, while they supply Russia with more than half of her imports. In 1904, out of a total of 100,527,000*l.* of exports, Germany headed the list, accounting for 24,642,000*l.*, and was closely followed by the United Kingdom with 24,295,000*l.*

Out of a total of 61,432,000*l.* of imports, Germany likewise headed the list with 23,705,000*l.*, while the United Kingdom only accounted for 10,789,000*l.* (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,480).

H.M. Consul at Riga (Mr. A. Woodhouse), in his report to the Foreign Office, points out that the table of exports for the past years shows that Riga is steadily regaining the important position which it once occupied in the Russian hemp trade, but which it had lost for a period of years through the disinclination of its exporters to adapt themselves to modern methods of meeting the competition which had sprung up in Königsberg and elsewhere. It may with some confidence be anticipated, says Mr. Woodhouse, that Riga

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will, in future years, not only retain the supremacy in the trade which it has now gained, but that it will further increase it.

It is a matter of great satisfaction, he continues, that, with the resumption by Riga of its former leading position as the centre of the Russian hemp trade, many undesirable elements and abuses, which at one time threatened to ruin the reputation of the trade on the foreign market, have disappeared.

The past season has seen a further attempt made on the part of those interested in the flax and hemp trades to arrive at some method of increasing a control over the preparation, packing and sale of the goods in the interior of Russia. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,481.*)

With reference to the notice on pp. 126-7 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 20th April last, the British Vice-Consul at Nicolaieff, in a report recently issued by the Foreign Office, states that it has been decreed by the authorities in St. Petersburg that in every Russian port of foreign export the Bourse shall exercise effective control over the export trade, and in the case of Nicolaieff this has resulted in a system under which vessels are loaded under the direct supervision of the Bourse, while certificates of weight and quality, as well as sealed shipping samples are now obtainable if required.

British importers will be themselves to blame, says the Vice-Consul, if they disdain the additional security offered by the new system and fail to require sealed shipping samples, though it is only right to add that the efficacy of the plan can only be known by its working.

In this connection, he adds, it may not be amiss to emphasise a point which has doubtless often been dealt with before, i.e., the importance to British firms of dealing with exporters of recognised standing and reliability. A purchase at a low price may ultimately prove expensive if quantity and quality are not equal to contract, and claims against the shipper cannot be enforced. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,480.*)

Referring to the notice on p. 252 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10th August, the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. H. Cooke) reports that, according to the "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" of St. Petersburg, the official opening of the Nijni Novgorod Fair took place amid almost complete absence of the merchant element, general dullness reigning in the Fair precincts. Among the explanatory causes of this apparent indifference must be reckoned the general lull in trade as regards Siberia, as well as recent disorderly events in Nijni itself. This does not, however, imply

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that the Fair will be a failure. Dealers and merchandise have still to come, and their arrival will mean business and animation. Nevertheless, judging from at present available data, it may be anticipated that this year's Fair will be inferior to last year's. Some of the big Moscow and Ivanovo-Voznesensk textile firms will not put in an appearance this year. The probable diminution in the import of goods, however, will be confined to certain groups of merchandise only, such as cotton, textile goods and coarse materials, while other groups, and more especially goods required for the troops at the front, will be well represented. Siberian, Central-Asian and Persian buyers are expected towards the end of the present month (July. Russian style).

**FRANCE.**

Referring to the notice on p. 183 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th July, it is to be noted that the French "Journal Officiel" of 5th August contains the text of the Law which has recently been voted by the French Parliament for the prevention of fraud in the sale of goods and of the adulteration of foodstuffs and agricultural produce.

The "Journal" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

The following statement, showing the main headings of expenditure of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 1905, is taken from the recent report on the French Budget by the Councillor of H.M. Embassy at Paris (Mr. R. Lister):—

|                                      | Amount.   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                      | £         |
| Encouragement to sea fisheries... .. | 200,000   |
| Merchant marine—                     |           |
| Bounties to shipbuilding ... ..      | 200,000   |
| " navigation ... ..                  | 1,074,000 |
| Bounties to silk manufacture ... ..  | 160,000   |

Mr. Lister also reports that among the main expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture in 1905 are grants in aid of farmers and the subventions to agricultural societies, 122,000*l.*; bounties given for the cultivation of silkworms, 169,120*l.*; bounties for the cultivation of flax and hemp, 90,000*l.*; the maintenance of stud-farms, 255,506*l.*; and sums spent in the encouragement of horse breeding, 60,000*l.* (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,473.*)

*Miscellaneous.***PORTUGAL—ANGOLA.**

The British Acting-Consul at Loanda (Mr. Wm. S. R. Brock), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states  
**Mangrove Bark.** that a sample of mangrove bark was sent to the United Kingdom to ascertain if it were of any use for tanning. The report on it showed:—

|                                         | Per Cent. |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tanning matters absorbed by hide ... .. | 15·7      |
| Soluble non-tanning matters ... ..      | 5·3       |
| Insoluble (at 60 deg. Fahr.) ... ..     | 63·0      |
| Water ... ..                            | 16·0      |
| Total ... ..                            | 100·0     |

It was stated, however, that as this sample was taken from old wood it may not have been of average quality, and that further experiments will be made. If this bark prove to have a commercial value good business should result, as there is a large quantity of it available. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,478.*)

**AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.**

The Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari), in a recent despatch, reports that in consequence of the serious competition of Italian and German with Austrian products in the Levant, a manufacturer of Brünn, Moravia, proposes to create a  
**Proposed Export Syndicate for Levant Trade.** Syndicate for Austrian exportation to the Levant in order to improve the condition of trade with those countries. This idea, it is said, meets with general approval in Austrian commercial circles.

Mr. Salvari further reports that the Vienna Credit Institute has formed under the name of "Austro-Orientalische Handelsgesellschaft" (Austro-Oriental Trading Company) a Joint Stock Company in order to promote Austrian export and import trade with the Levant. The principal export articles will be textile goods, paper and sugar. Agencies will be established at Constantinople, Salonica, Smyrna, Beirut, Cairo and later on at Sofia. This Company has been formed by the Creditanstalt and by several large manufacturers of Austria.

It is also reported that the result of the journey undertaken by the Vienna "Orient Verein" in Dalmatia and Montenegro a few months ago, will be the  
**Austro-Montenegro Trading Co.** institution, very shortly, of a Trading Company with their principal seat in Vienna and with branches at Cetinje and Podgorizza.



*Miscellaneous.***BRAZIL.**

H.M. Consul at Porto Alegre (Mr. A. Archer) reports that, with a view of compiling data for the purpose of making a representation to the Federal Congress against any increase in the import duties as advocated by the native manufacturing interests, and also to support a petition for their reduction, the Commercial Association of Rio de Janeiro, during the latter half of the year 1904, sent out to the various Chambers of Commerce in the Republic of Brazil blank forms to be filled up by importers, with a specification of the average rate of duties actually paid by them as compared with the rate established by the tariff. From the results obtained Mr. Archer has compiled an interesting table, which is published at pp. 6-7 of his report. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,453.)

In every case, adds Mr. Archer, the tariff value is much higher than the real import cost of the goods, therefore the percentage actually paid is much in excess of that marked by the tariff, being in most cases well over 100 per cent., in some between 200 and 300 per cent., a few over 300 per cent., and in the case of beer and stout reaching as much as 420 per cent., while the nominal rate of the tariff does not exceed 60 per cent.

H.M. Consul at Para (Mr. W. A. Churchill) has forwarded the following particulars of the supply and shipment of india-rubber in that district:—

**Para Rubber.** The percentages of qualities calculated on the figures of the 17 preceding years are as follows:—

|         |                  |        |                  |
|---------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| Fine... | ... 55 per cent. | Coarse | ... 25 per cent. |
| Medium  | ... 10           | Caucho | ... 10           |

The qualities shipped during 1904-5 show a 5 per cent. decrease in the proportion of fine, and a 7 per cent. increase in caucho.

Para produced, as usual, about one-third of the total supply, but dealt with almost one-half of the entire shipments during the year ended 30th June, 1905.

The origin of the 1904-5 crop was as follows:—

|                                                                                               | Tons.  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| States of Amazonas and Matto Grosso and Peru<br>and Bolivia (including 4,613 tons caucho) ... | 22,086 |
| State of Para (including 515 tons caucho) ...                                                 | 11,288 |
| Total ... ..                                                                                  | 33,374 |

It is to be noted that the port of Para handled the whole of the Para crop, as well as 5,267 tons of the up-river crop. Caucho is now regularly sent to the port of Para from the River Tocantins district.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 33 Weeks ended 17th August, 1905 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>17th August,<br>1905. | 33 Weeks<br>ended<br>17th August,<br>1905. | Week ended<br>17th August,<br>1905. | 33 Weeks<br>ended<br>17th August,<br>1905. |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)                |                                            | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)                |                                            |
|                      | No.                                 | No.                                        | No.                                 | No.                                        |
| American ... ..      | 44,174                              | 2,174,217                                  | 2,268                               | 182,569                                    |
| Brasilian ... ..     | —                                   | 39,712                                     | —                                   | 549                                        |
| East Indian ... ..   | 1,007                               | 37,674                                     | 1,481                               | 10,265                                     |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 6,505                               | 302,389                                    | 352                                 | 65,596                                     |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 3,401*                              | 50,650†                                    | 140                                 | 4,053                                      |
| Total ... ..         | 55,087                              | 2,604,642                                  | 4,241                               | 263,032                                    |

\* Including 43 bales British West Indian and 100 bales British West African.

† Including 3,765 bales British West Indian and 2,530 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 19th August, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
| Week ended 19th August, 1905 ... .. |  |  |  |  |  |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
|                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  | 28             | 5  | 23      | 4  | 16    | 4  |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>       |  |  |  |  |  |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1898 ... ..                         |  |  |  |  |  |  | 30             | 7  | 27      | 6  | 19    | 3  |
| 1899 ... ..                         |  |  |  |  |  |  | 24             | 7  | 26      | 5  | 17    | 1  |
| 1900 ... ..                         |  |  |  |  |  |  | 28             | 10 | 24      | 10 | 18    | 8  |
| 1901 ... ..                         |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27             | 3  | 23      | 7  | 18    | 1  |
| 1902 ... ..                         |  |  |  |  |  |  | 31             | 5  | 22      | 10 | 21    | 11 |
| 1903 ... ..                         |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29             | 9  | 20      | 4  | 18    | 6  |
| 1904 ... ..                         |  |  |  |  |  |  | 28             | 8  | 22      | 5  | 16    | 7  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of July, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. 1d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. for the first, and 4s. 3d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the August issue:—State of the Labour Market in July; Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration in 1904; Public Relief to the Aged, Infirm and Incurable in France; Recent Conciliation Cases.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

#### No. 3,477. Trade of Baghdad, 1904.

Trade depressed, owing to cholera. Decrease in exports of 20 per cent. Trade in textiles also dull.

Improved communication between Baghdad and Basrah.

Openings for trade in haberdashery and millinery, pumps, brass ware, and ice and soda-water machines.

Trade statistics.

#### No. 3,478. Trade of Angola, 1904.

Improvement in imports of cotton and woollen goods.

Railway extension. Returns of trade.

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**No. 3,479. Trade of Algeria, 1903-4.**

Regular upward movement  
in imports.

Notes on export trade in  
live-stock, wine, cereals, &c.,  
and minerals.

Competition of German fuel.

Tables of imports and ex-  
ports, with notes.

This publication contains also reports by the British Vice-  
Consuls at Oran, Beni-Saf, Nemours and Philippeville.

**No. 3,480. Trade and Agriculture of the Consular District of  
Odessa, 1904.**

Internal trade, except in  
military stores, has been ad-  
versely affected by the war.

Details of the grain trade.

Remarks on imports of  
agricultural machinery.

Improvement in enforcement  
of quarantine regulations.

This publication also contains reports from Kieff, Sevastopol,  
Nicolaiëff, Theodosia and Eupatoria.

**No. 3,481. Trade of Riga, 1904.**

Trade and commerce, on the  
whole, little inferior to 1903.

Details of Russian coal im-  
ports.

Statistics of Russian flax

exports during the past eight  
years.

Table showing variations of  
the freight market during the  
year.

This publication also contains reports from Libau, Windau and  
Pernau.

**No. 3,482. Trade of Marseilles, 1904.**

Suggestions to British sub-  
jects anxious to develop their  
trade in the Marseilles district.

Adverse effects of strikes on  
the trade of the district.

Hindrances to the natural  
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seilles.

German competition in the  
coal trade.

Table of imports from the  
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possessions.

Trade and shipping returns  
for Marseilles, Cette and  
Toulon.

**No. 3,483. Trade of the Hejaz, 1900-04.**

Trade has been steadily pro-  
gressing during the last five  
years.

Continuous increase of im-  
ports and decline of exports.

Shipping statistics for 1890-  
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General remarks on the  
shipping trade.

Details of the pilgrim traffic  
to Mecca.

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**No. 3,484. Trade of Cuba, 1904.**

Considerable improvement in all branches of trade, as compared with the previous year.

British trade maintains its position, in spite of the reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Chaotic conditions of the currency.

Steady immigration from Spain will probably develop the agriculture of the island.

**COLONIAL OFFICE REPORTS.**

Reports from the following British colonies have been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal," viz. :—

**No. 451. Hong Kong.**

„ **452. Gambia.**

„ **453. Gibraltar.**

**OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

*Report from the Select Committee on Foreign Ships (Statutory Requirements); with Proceedings of the Committee.* 269. Price 1d.

This is a report of a Select Committee appointed to enquire into, and report upon, to what extent the statutory requirements applying to British ships trading to and from ports in the United Kingdom, should be made applicable to foreign vessels trading to and from such ports.

*Report of the Royal Commission on Supply of Food and Raw Material in Time of War, Vol. III., Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.* [Cd. 2,645]. Price 3s. 11d.

This publication contains the conclusion of the evidence taken before the Royal Commission, and 39 appendices, consisting mainly of statistical tables of a varied nature.

*Report and Special Report from the Select Committee on the Trade Marks Bill; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Appendix.* 231. Price 1s. 7d.

This is the report of a Committee appointed by the House of Commons on 28th March, 1905. Various measures are recommended by the Committee to facilitate the registration of trade marks and to safeguard the interests of those who have registered trade marks, and of persons holding a Royal Warrant. The question of an alteration in the administrative organisation of the Patent Office was considered by the Committee. They are of opinion that it is desirable to maintain the existing organisation, with a Comptroller of the whole office responsible to the Board of Trade.

*Merchant Shipping Act, 1894. Return of all ships (British and foreign) ordered by the Board of Trade to be provisionally detained as unsafe during the period 1st July, 1904 to 30th June, 1905.* [Cd. 2,678.] Price 1½d.

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## THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade (No. 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.) is intended to be a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest shall be collected and focussed in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of British trade permit, replies shall be given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters.

On application being made to it either personally or by letter, the Branch supplies, so far as is possible, information with regard to the following subjects, viz.: Commercial Statistics; Matters relating to Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations; Lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities; Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender; Sources of Supply, Prices, &c., of Trade Products; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers, &c., &c. There is a Sample Room at the offices of the Branch, where, in addition to samples illustrative of reports of H.M. Consuls or of the Correspondents or Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade, specimens of special interest that may be received from the Imperial Institute, India, or the Colonies, &c., are exhibited from time to time.

The "Board of Trade Journal" is the principal medium through which intelligence collected by the Commercial Intelligence Branch, and intended for general information, is conveyed to the public. The "Journal" is now issued weekly at the price of 1d. All applications respecting subscription, or the purchase of single copies, should be addressed in London to Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; in Edinburgh to Messrs. Oliver & Boyd; and in Dublin to Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street. Copies may also be obtained from Messrs. G. Street & Co., Ltd., 30, Cornhill, E.C.

**THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.**—In consequence of the transfer of the Imperial Institute to the Board of Trade from the beginning of 1903, the work formerly carried on by the Commercial Intelligence Office of the Imperial Institute is now conducted by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

Among the branches of work now carried on by the Imperial Institute at South Kensington are the scientific investigation of the economic products of the British Empire with a view to their commercial utilisation, and the superintendence of the arrangement and classification of the Collection of these products which is exhibited at the Institute. From time to time samples and specimens of raw and manufactured products will be shown in the sample room at 73, Basinghall Street.

The "Imperial Institute Bulletin," issued quarterly, contains information and reports bearing on the work carried out in the Imperial Institute at South Kensington.

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# THE BUYERS' GUIDE

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| Gas per Ton of Coal ... ..               | 11,760 cubic feet. |
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| Absolute calorific value and evaporative<br>power represented in pounds of water at<br>212 degrees Fahrenheit, capable of being<br>turned into steam by the thorough com-<br>bustion of one pound of Coal ... .. | 15.45          |
| Carbon in Coal ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                            | 81.4 per cent. |
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| Hydrogen ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4.1 "          |
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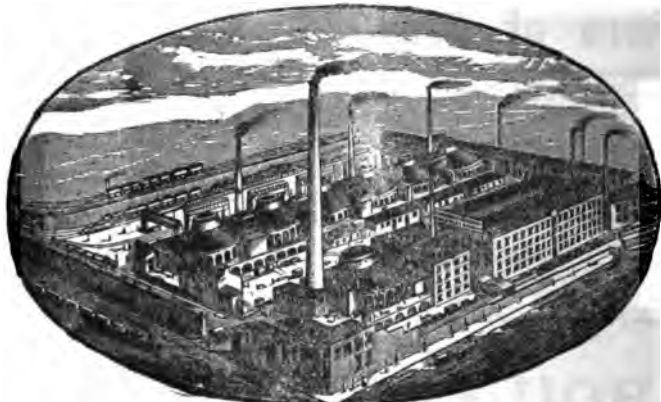
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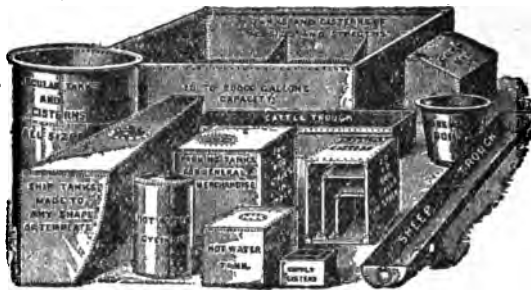
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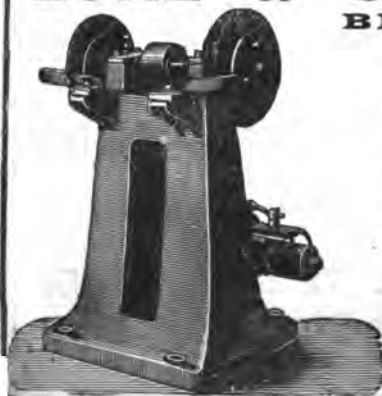
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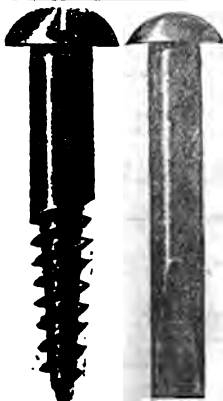
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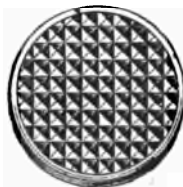
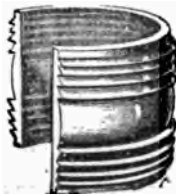


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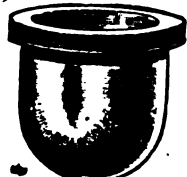
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The gentleman appointed must devote the whole of his time to the duties of the office, and must not engage in private practice.

The conditions on which the appointment will be made can be obtained from the undersigned, to whom all applications, endorsed "Borough Surveyorship," and accompanied by copies of not more than three recent testimonials, must be delivered not later than the 18th of September next.

J. W. WOOLSTENCROFT,  
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, King's Lynn,  
August 22nd, 1905.

The Leatherhead Urban District Council invite tenders for the supply of the undermentioned Materials and Labour for the year ending September 30th, 1906:—

Flints and Gravel.

Team Labour.

Provender.

Stoneware Pipes.

Cement.

Disinfectants.

Ironmongery, Brooms, &c.

Smith's Work.

Specifications and forms of tender can be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Tenders to be submitted, under cover, addressed to the Clerk, Urban District Council, Council Offices, Leatherhead, on or before Tuesday, the 13th of September, at 6 p.m., endorsed "Tender."

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

T. SALKIELD,  
Surveyor.

Council Offices, Leatherhead,  
August 23rd, 1905.

County Borough of South Shields.

Tenders for Materials.

The Corporation invite tenders for the supply of the following materials required between the 1st of October, 1905, and 31st of March, 1906:—

Northumberland Whinstone, Fifeshire Whinstone, Slag, Limestone, Caithness Flags, Portland Cement, Cement Concrete Flags, Cast Ironwork, Shovels, Scavenger Brooms and Machine Brooms, Coal, Disinfectants, Leather Hose, Sanitary Pipes, Paints, Paint Oils, Glass, Timber, Iron, Horse Shoe Nails, Cart Axles, Springs, &c., Tar, Pitch, Oils, and General Stores.

Specifications and forms of tender may be had on application to Mr. S. E. Burgess, M.I.C.E., Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Chapter-row, South Shields. Tenders to be addressed and delivered to the Town Clerk, Court Buildings, South Shields, not later than 12 noon Saturday, September and, 1905, endorsed "Tender for Materials."

August 17th, 1905.

**CONTRACTS.**

Hollingbourn Board of Guardians.

Hollingbourn Workhouse.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

To Sewerage Contractors and Others.

The Board of Guardians are desirous of receiving tenders for the alterations and additions to inside Sanitary Fittings, the providing and laying of about 430 lineal yards of 4-in., 6-in., and 9-in. Special Pipe Sewers, together with the necessary outlets, inspection eyes, man-holes, flushing manholes, liquefying tanks, continuous filter, laying out area of land, and other works in connection therewith at the Hollingbourn Workhouse, in the county of Kent.

The drawings, specification, &c., may be seen at the Union Workhouse, Hollingbourn, on and after the 28th day of August, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, except Saturdays.

Copies of specification, quantities and form of tender may be obtained from the Engineers, Messrs. Fairbank & Son, C.E., Lendal Chambers, York, on deposit of 3 guineas.

This sum will, after the Board have come to a decision on the tenders, but not before, be returned to the tenderer, provided he shall have sent in a bona fide tender, and shall not have withdrawn the same, and shall have returned the document lent him for the purpose of making up his tender.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for Hollingbourn Workhouse Sewerage," must reach the undersigned on or before 10 a.m. on the 18th day of September, 1905.

The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, nor will they make allowance for estimates.

By order,

H. J. BRACHER,  
Clerk to the Hollingbourn Board  
of Guardians.

33, Earl-street, Maidstone,  
August 17th, 1905.

Borough of Southend-on-Sea.

To Road Contractors and Others.

The Corporation invite tenders for Sewering parts of the following streets:—

Gainsborough Drive,

Shakespeare Drive.

Plans, sections and specifications may be seen, and bills of quantities and forms of tender obtained, on and after Tuesday, the 9th instant, on deposit of cheque for one guinea in respect of each street, which will be returnable on receipt of a bona fide tender, upon application to Mr. E. J. Elford, M.I.C.E., Borough Surveyor.

No tender will be considered unless made on the prescribed form, and there must be a separate tender for each street.

Sealed tenders, endorsed with the name of the street and marked "Tender for Private Street Works," to be delivered at my office before 12 noon on Thursday, the 7th of September next.

The Corporation will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

WILLIAM H. SNOW,  
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office,  
Southend-on-Sea,  
August 18th, 1905.

**CONTRACTS.**

Frimley Urban District Council  
(Surrey).

Camberley Sewerage and Sewage  
Disposal Works.

Contract No. 1.

The Urban District Council of Frimley invite tenders for the construction of Pumping Station and Sewerage Disposal Works, comprising pump well, engine house, liquefying tanks, circular water beds, and other incidental works in accordance with the plans, sections, & tail drawings and specification prepared by the Engineers, Messrs. Willcox & Raikes, 63, Temple-row, Birmingham, where plans and specification may be seen, and bills of quantities obtained, on or after the 19th day of August, 1905, on payment of a deposit of 5 guineas, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide tender and the return of all documents to the Engineers.

Sealed tenders, on forms supplied, endorsed "Camberley Sewerage and Sewage Disposal," to be delivered at my office not later than 12 o'clock noon on the 21st day of September, 1905.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

F. T. S. MARSH,  
Clerk to the Council.

5, High-street, Camberley, Surrey,  
August 19th, 1905.

Selby Urban District Council.

New Waterworks.

Covered Service Reservoir.

Contract No. 4.

Tenders are hereby invited for the construction of a covered Service Reservoir.

Copies of the plans, specification, bills of quantities and form of tender will be supplied on application to the Engineer, Mr. Percy Griffith, M.I.C.E., 56, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W., and Mr. Bruce McGregor Gray, A.M.I.C.E., Council Offices, Selby, Yorkshire, on payment of £5, which will be returned to all contractors who shall submit a bona fide tender for the work on or before the 6th day of September, 1905.

Tenders must be made upon the form provided, and returned with the plans, specification and bill of quantities, to be priced, to the undersigned by the date named above. The whole to be properly sealed and delivered to the undersigned by the date above named.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order of the Council,

J. H. BANTOFT,

Clerk to the Urban District Council.

Council Offices, Selby,

Dated the 25th day of July, 1905.

NEATH (WALES).—September 5.—The construction of a bridge over the Neath and Tennant's Canal, near Neath Station, for the Great Western Railway Company. The Engineer, Paddington Station.

PORTSMOUTH.—September 18.—The machinery, forges, engines, lathes, &c., for the Portsmouth Education Committee. The Surveyor, Cambridge Junction, Portsmouth.



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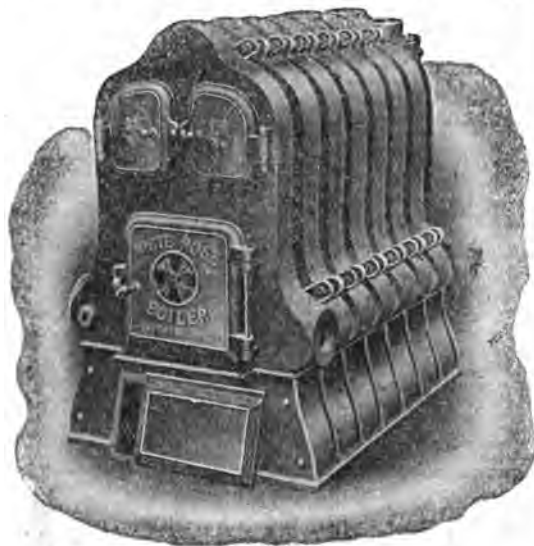
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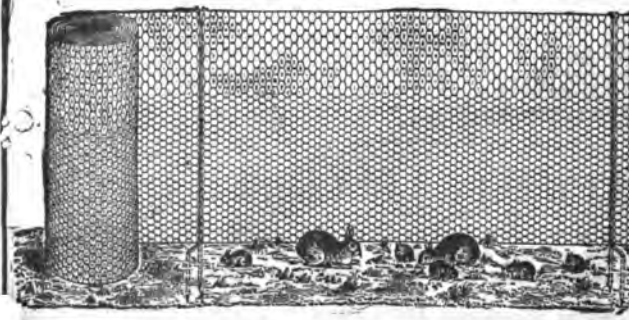


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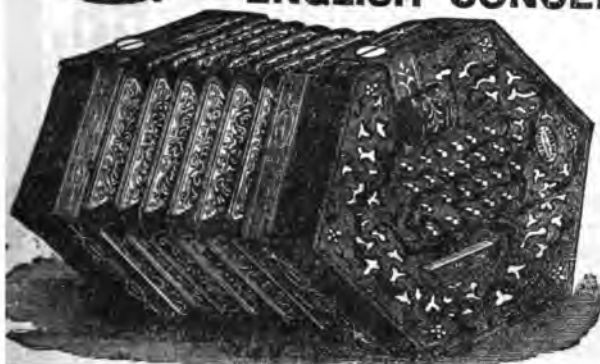
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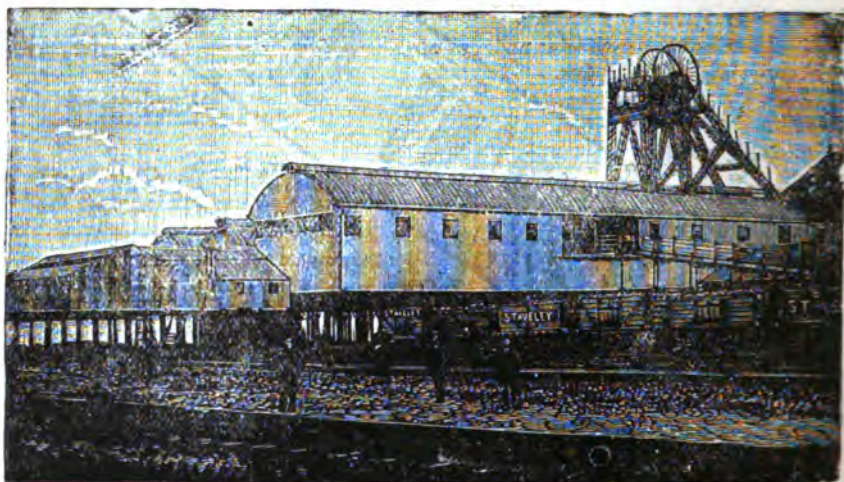
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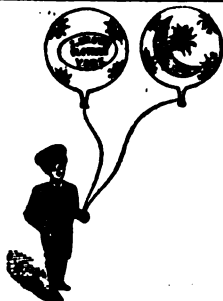
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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 431.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore, received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 432.

## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

#### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: WAR OFFICE.

The Secretary of State for War invites tenders for the purchase of 3,800 lbs. meat extract, now lying at the Supply Reserve Depot, Woolwich Dockyard.

**Tenders for  
Purchase of  
Surplus Meat  
Extract.**

Forms of tender and conditions of contract may be obtained on application at the War Office, Pall Mall, S.W., by letter or in person, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock. The tenders are due by noon on Wednesday, the 13th September.

*Openings for British Trade.***BRITISH INDIA.  
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: INDIA OFFICE.**

The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders from such persons as may be willing to supply—

**Dog Spikes;  
Carriage Iron-  
work; Wheels  
and Axles.**

1. Dog spikes for rails; 2. Wheels and axles for carriages and wagons; and 3. Carriage ironwork and fittings.

The conditions of contract may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.), or may be obtained on application to the Director-General of Stores, India Office, Whitehall, S.W. Tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 5th September, 1905, for No.'s 1 and 2, and on Tuesday the 12th September, 1905, for No. 3, after which times respectively no tender will be received.

The South Indian Railway Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of Bridgework and permanent way materials, as under:—

**Bridgework and  
Permanent Way  
Materials.**

1. Bridgework, 10 ft., to 30 ft., and 70 ft. spans, about 950 tons.
2. Rails, 41½, 50, and 56 lb., 1,735 tons; and fishplates for the same, 50 tons.
3. Cast-iron pot sleepers, 1,265 tons.
4. Tie bars, gibs, and cotters, 82 tons.
5. Fishbolts, spikes, and bearing plates, 40 tons.
6. Switches and crossings, about 100 sets.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's Offices, 55, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.

Tenders, addressed to the Company, marked "Tender for Bridgework," or as the case may be, must be left with the Managing Director, not later than 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, the 5th September, 1905.

A charge, which will not be returned, will be made of 20s. for each copy of specifications (1) and (2), and of 10s. for each of the remainder.

Copies of the drawings may be obtained at the office of Sir George B. Bruce, 3, Victoria Street, Westminster, on payment of 5s. per sheet.

The East Indian Railway Company is prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of—

**Fencing Posts,  
Bolts, and Wire.**

1. Posts, &c., for fencing,
2. Galvanized eye bolts and strand wire for fencing,

as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, Nicholas Lane, E.C.

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Tenders are to be sent to C. W. Young, Esq., Secretary, marked "Tender for Posts, &c., for Fencing," or as the case may be, not later than 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 6th September.

The Company reserves to itself the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

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**CANADA.**

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.**, whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Home Enquiries.**—A Yorkshire firm possessing considerable experience are prepared to act as buying agents for Canadian firms in woollens, worsteds, linings, trimmings, and similar goods.

A general merchant in Cardiff would be pleased to hear from Canadian shippers of hay.

Enquiry is made for the addresses of Canadian exporters of oak wood and oak staves.

**Canadian Enquiry.**—A Toronto importing firm will be pleased to hear from United Kingdom manufacturers of boot and shoe laces wishing to do business in Canada, and also invite correspondence from manufacturers of goods of interest to the boot and shoe industry.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—QUEENSLAND.**

Tenders will be received at the office of the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, up till noon on the 2nd October, 1905, for the supply at the Departmental Depot, Brisbane, of 1,250 galvanized iron telegraph poles, to Specification No. 86.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the General Post Offices, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide.

Deposits on tenders may be lodged at any of the offices named, but a receipt for the amount so lodged must be obtained and forwarded with the tender to the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane. When the tenders have been dealt with the deposits of the unsuccessful tenderers will be returned by the Deputy Postmasters-General of the States where the deposits have been lodged.

Neither the lowest nor any tender will necessarily be accepted.

All tenders sent by post must be registered.

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#### **CAPE COLONY.**

A notification has been received from the Agent-General for the Cape of Good Hope to the effect that tenders for the supply of imported steam coal for the Cape Government Railways during 1906 are now being invited.

Full particulars, forms of tender and conditions of contract are obtainable on application at the Cape Government Agency, 100, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

#### **NATAL.**

The "Natal Government Gazette" announces that tenders are invited for the supply of uniform, clothing, caps, and accessories required by the Natal Government Railways for the European and Indian Staff for a period of three years, commencing 15th November, 1905.

Printed conditions of contract, with form of tender attached (on which form only will tenders be received), may be obtained at the Office of the Stores Superintendent, Natal Government Railways, Durban, where the Department's patterns may be inspected by arrangement.

Tenders (in duplicate) must be lodged with the "Chairman of the Tender Board, Auditor-General's Office, Pietermaritzburg," not later than noon on Monday, 25th September, 1905.

Applicants for copies of conditions of contract will be required to deposit a fee of two guineas, which will be returned to all *bonâ fide* tenderers.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

#### **RUSSIA.**

H.M. Consul at Kieff (Mr. H. P. Smith) writes:—

**Spirit Lamps and Spirit Motors.** "The Government having sanctioned the use of spirit for illuminating, heating and other practical purposes, after it has been denatured by the addition of foreign substances which render it unfit for human consumption, there is thereby presented a splendid opening for lamps to burn spirit instead of petroleum. Such lamps have been imported from Germany but are not yet quite perfect. There is also a wide field open for the development for small-sized stationary engines, traction motors and motor cars using denatured spirit as fuel. Nearly every fairly-sized estate owns its own distillery, and as the production of rye spirit is not very costly, and no duty is charged by the Government upon it in its denatured state, it is reasonable to expect that the landowners

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and farmers are anxious to make use of spirit as fuel to work their farming machinery, to illuminate their dwellings and to be the force to transport their agricultural produce to the railway station. So far as my knowledge goes, only one small-sized stationary motor of British make using spirit as fuel has been imported into this district. This has proved eminently successful. The subject is worth the attention of British firms who make a speciality of gas-forming explosive engines, and there is no doubt that a serviceable sized spirit-driven motor, powerful enough to work ordinary grinding mills, small threshing machines, chaff cutters, &c., would find a ready sale. Then there are the small-sized tractors for ploughing, and reaping machinery, further opening up a wide field in an industry as yet untouched in this part of Europe."

The British Vice-Consul at Nicolaieff states that the Kherson-Nicolaieff Railway line has now been definitely approved, and the final surveys completed.

**Railway Material.** If the "Odesski Listok" may be believed it is to be a single line, and is to cost 47,000 roubles (nearly 5,000*l.*) per verst, while the rolling-stock will cost 13,000 roubles (nearly 1,500*l.*) per verst. Expropriations have been ordered, and the Vice-Consul understands that work on the new line has actually been begun at Kherson. The line should be completed next year, but it would be rash to make any certain prophecy. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,480.*)

H.M. Consul at Riga (Mr. A. Woodhouse), in his report to the Foreign Office, states that the Americans are trading in skins and hides from Siberia, and at Riga they have agents who receive them and ship them to the United States. As this trade is expected to grow it might possibly interest British tanners. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,481.*)

#### Export of Skins and Hides.

#### RUSSIA—FINLAND.

The following particulars regarding trade openings in Finland are taken from a despatch to the Foreign Office from H.M. Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. O. Wardrop):—

**Electrical and  
Agricultural  
Machinery;  
Firebricks;  
Cement; Tools;  
Cutlery;  
Provisions.**

"There are sufficient opportunities for shipment of goods from Great Britain by the steamers which come for timber, tar, &c., and there is, in addition, a regular service of the Finnish mail steamers between Hull and Helsingfors or Hangö, and another of the North Sea Steamship Company to and from Hull and Hamburg.

"The following articles of import may be worth the attention of

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those interested :—Electrical machinery, firebricks, cement, bacon, agricultural machinery, agricultural implements, tools, cutlery, and cargo rice.

“There would seem a fair demand for certain kinds of preserved fish and fruit in tins or glass jars, and for preserved vegetables.”

“The enormous extent of sheltered waterways on the coasts and in the lake systems of the interior makes an increased demand for motor boats probable, and the excellent roads give an opportunity for the use of motor cars to cover the great distances between towns and settlements.

**Motor Cars and  
Motor Boats.**

“There is a well marked preference for British goods of all kinds throughout the country, and there is a prestige derived from the fact that old-established, first-class industrial concerns, such as the textile factories of Finlayson at Tammerfors and Barker at Abo, and the shipbuilding yards and machine shops of Crichton at Abo, bear British names.”

### GERMANY.

Attention is called to the extracts from a report on the German sea-fishing industry and trade, given on p. 421, referring to a possible increase in the demand for sea fish in Germany.

**Sea Fish.**

### NETHERLANDS.

The Board of Trade have been notified by H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. C. Robinson) that on the 20th September next the Netherlands Minister for the Colonies will receive tenders for the superstructure with appurtenances for two bridges for ordinary traffic (Contract 11 t. z. 11).

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Mart Nijhoff, bookseller, The Hague, on payment of fl. 3 (5s. 0d.), per contract.

### BELGIUM.

A notification has been received from the British Vice-Consul at Liège (Mr. E. A. D. Leeds) to the effect that tenders will be opened on the 9th October for the following :—

**Water Works.**

1. Extension of the water conduit of Clavier-Terwagne-Seng to the communes of Warzée, Bois-Borsu, Les Avins and Bende-Jenneret (Luxembourg). Estimated cost, 215,800 francs (8,600l.).
2. Laying down of a water system for the communes of Pailhe,

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Vyle-Tharoul, Modave, Linchet, Vierset-Barse, and Havelange (Namur). Estimated cost, 346,200 francs (13,700*l.*).

Particulars may be obtained from Mr. A. Halleux, Civil Engineer, 74, Rue Fabry, Liège.

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**SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 24th August contains a Royal Order

**Habilitation of  
the Port of  
Portichuelo.**

habilitating the port of Portichuelo, province of Almeria, for the exportation of salt, and for the importation of coal, machinery and timber.

The same issue of the "Gaceta" contains a notice inviting tenders

**Electric Tramway  
Concession.**

which will be opened at noon on the 14th September, at the Directorate-General of Public Works, Madrid, for the concession of an electric tramway in Málaga. An application for this concession has already been made by the Málaga Tramways Co., who, at the same rates, will enjoy certain preferential rights over other tenderers. The competition will turn, in the first place, on a reduction of the tariffs proposed, and if two or more identical propositions are made, a further competition will take place verbally as to any reduction of the period (60 years) of the concession tenderers may be prepared to accept.

A deposit of 94 pesetas (about 3*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 26th August contains a Decree

**Hydro-electric  
Plant.**

authorising Don Antonio Molina y Galindo, who resides in Madrid, an appropriation from the river Sor of 3,000 litres of water per second (which may be increased to 10,000 litres per second at certain periods of the year) for the production of electric power.

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**BULGARIA.**

With reference to the notice on pp. 8-9 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 6th July last, giving particulars of tenders invited for the construction of

**Railway  
Construction  
Contracts  
obtained by  
Bulgarian firms.**

(1) a line of railway from Tirnovo-Trevna-Barouchtitza (about 230 miles); and (2) a line from Radomir to Kustendil and the Turkish frontier (about 340 miles). H.M. Agent and Consul-General at Sofia (Sir G. Buchanan, K.C.V.O., C.B.) now reports that both contracts have been obtained by Bulgarian firms, the tender for the first line having amounted to 14,644,985 francs, and the tender for the second to 12,377,000 francs.

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**CUBA.**

H.M. Minister at Havana (Mr. L. E. G. Carden), in a report recently issued by the Foreign Office, writes as follows:—

**Woollen  
Materials and  
Cotton Goods.**

“The great increase in travel, which always occurs in Cuba in times of prosperity, will account almost entirely for the exceptionally large demand for woollen materials, principally for men's clothing.

“The increase in the already large consumption of cotton goods also calls for attention, showing what the island is capable of taking in spite of its small population. There is probably no other country which imports yearly over 1*l.* worth of such goods per inhabitant.

“The imports of Indian rice and gunny bags, chiefly by way of the United Kingdom and Germany, continue to increase, and now constitute a very important branch of British trade.”

Mr. Carden calls the attention of shippers to the advisability of using bags of equal size. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,484.*)

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**PERU.**

“El Peruano” of 15th June contains a Decree authorising the Lower Amazonas Provincial Council to grant Don Ezequiel Burga Cisneros a concession for the construction of an electric tramway and the installation of an electric lighting system in Iquitos.

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## LISTS OF POSSIBLE BUYERS OF BRITISH GOODS IN SWEDEN.

The Board of Trade receive from time to time from His Majesty's Representatives in foreign countries and their own Correspondents in the Colonies lists of importers and dealers likely to purchase British goods. These lists may be consulted by British manufacturers and traders at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., to which Offices also applications for extracts from them should be addressed.

Attention is called to a revised list which has recently been prepared containing names supplied by His Majesty's Consular Officers in Sweden and dealing with the following towns:—

### Stockholm Consular District.

Stockholm.  
Calmar.  
Gefle.  
Hernösand.  
Hudiksvall.  
Lulea.  
Norrköping.  
Oscarshamn.  
Skelleftea.  
Söderhamn.  
Sundsvall.  
Umea.

### Gothenburg Consular District.

Gothenburg.  
Åhus.  
Carlsrona.  
Halmstad.  
Helsingborg.  
Landsrona.  
Malmö.  
Strömstad.  
Uddevalla.  
Warberg.  
Ystad.

Amongst the classes of goods dealt with in some or all of these lists are bicycles, bran, candles, cement, chemicals, coal, copper, cottons, electrical goods, hardware, hats, iron, lead, leather, machinery and implements, oils, paints, paper, photographic requisites, sporting goods, tin plates, tobacco, cigars, &c., wool, &c., &c., &c.

The following similar notices in regard to other recently compiled lists have appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal":—

Bulgaria, p. 487, June 15th; Greece, p. 202, May 4th; Belgium, p. 205, February 2nd.

## BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

**Finland.**—H.M. Consul at Helsingfors (Mr. C. J. Cooke) says in his recent report: "It is, I fear, an oft-told tale, but at the risk of its being repeated *ad nauseam* I once again venture to ask my fellow countrymen why they leave Finland so much out of their reckoning? It is true that the United Kingdom purchases about one-half of the products that the Grand Duchy has for sale, which comprise timber, paper, butter, &c., but much more could be done. That much can be done is proved by the fact that the thriving German colony in Helsingfors numbers over 1,000, and in Tammerfors, Abo and Viborg in proportion, whereas the British colony in the whole of Finland scarcely amounts to 50 individuals!" (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,476.)

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**Gothenburg.**—H.M. Consul at Gothenburg (Mr. J. Duft) reports that in the import trade of that port last year articles and commodities of British origin quite held their own in spite of foreign competition: The prices obtained have, as a matter of course, suffered to a certain extent, but the traditional excellence of British manufacture has fortunately hitherto been sufficient to secure its supremacy. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,450.*)

**Belgium.**—H.M. Consul-General at Antwerp (Mr. E. C. Hertslet) states that a very considerable advantage would be gained by having price lists printed in both French and Flemish for circulation in Belgium, for, except in the larger commercial towns, English is but little known. Weights and measures should be expressed in the metric system and prices in francs and centimes. It is invariably to the advantage of British suppliers to enter into direct communication with buyers. A list of likely buyers in Belgium of British manufactured goods has been furnished by Mr. Hertslet to the Commercial Intelligence Branch, Board of Trade, and may be seen at 78, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

**Baghdad.**—H.M. Consul-General at Baghdad (Major L. S. Newmarch), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that the Turkish authorities object to the importation of any goods bearing representations of places which Mohammedans consider religious or sacred. Thus handkerchiefs, curtains, prints, engravings, picture postcards and other such articles containing representations of mosques, tombs, or even of a camel carrying or that can be supposed to be carrying the sacred carpet to Mecca, are liable to be refused admission. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,477.*)

**Smyrna.**—The report for 1904 on the trade of Smyrna contains the following notes respecting warehouse demurrage at that port, which, it is stated, are necessitated by the occurrence of several cases in which British firms have incurred trouble and expense through ignorance of the Customs warehouse regulations.

If not cleared within eight days from their landing, goods become liable to a ground rent called "ardiyeh." This charge is imposed owing to the limited space available in the Custom-house warehouses, some of which are erected on valuable land reclaimed from the sea, and which would soon become completely blocked, as was the case recently. The charges are rather high, being from  $\frac{1}{2}d.$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}d.$  per package per diem, and increasing every week. It can roughly be estimated that if goods be left at the Customs warehouses unclaimed for more than two months it would no longer be worth while to claim them, as the rent charges due by that time would amount to, and possibly exceed, the value of the goods.

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The ardiyeh charges do not apply:—(1) To goods in transit, which are allowed one month's free storage; (2) to goods left at the Custom-house owing to some dispute between the Customs and the consignee, in which case no ardiyeh becomes due if it be ultimately decided in favour of the latter; (3) to goods landed in error, which are never charged with ardiyeh exceeding in amount one-half of their value. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,467.*)

**Chiengmai.**—In his report on the trade of Chiengmai for the year 1904, H.M. Consul there (Mr. C. E. W. Stringer) comments on the falling-off in the import trade of that Province from Burma *via* Raheng, whereas imports *via* other routes amounted in value to 158,980*l.*, and show an increase of 60,144*l.* as compared with 1903, and 51,090*l.* above the five years' average.

This large increase, says Mr. Stringer, shows the growing importance of the Chiengmai district as a market for British goods. Considering that all merchandise from Burma has to be brought to Chiengmai on mules at a cost of about 39*l.* 4*s.* per ton, it may confidently be assumed that if the means of communication were improved, trade with Burma would increase enormously.

Further on in his report Mr. Stringer points out that mail matter from Europe and America for Chiengmai should be addressed "Chiengmai *via* Moulmein, Burma." Letters, &c., so addressed come overland from Moulmein to Raheng, and are then forwarded with the Bangkok mails from Raheng, and arrive a fortnight or so earlier than letters sent *via* Bangkok. Parcels, however, must be sent *via* Bangkok. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,464.*)

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### AGRICULTURAL RETURNS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The following preliminary statement of the Agricultural Returns of Great Britain for 1905, compiled from the returns collected on the 5th June, and with comparisons with 1904, has been issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries:—

#### Crops.

| Distribution.                                | 1904.      | 1905.      | Increase. |           | Decrease. |           |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                              | Acres.     | Acres.     | Acres.    | Per Cent. | Acres.    | Per Cent. |
| Total area of land and water                 | 56,787,669 | 56,787,669 | —         | —         | —         | —         |
| Total acreage under all crops and grass* ... | 32,317,610 | 32,286,832 | —         | —         | 30,778    | 0·1       |
| Wheat ... ..                                 | 1,375,284  | 1,796,985  | 421,701   | 30·7      | —         | —         |
| Barley ... ..                                | 1,840,684  | 1,713,664  | —         | —         | 127,020   | 6·9       |
| Oats... ..                                   | 3,252,962  | 3,051,376  | —         | —         | 201,586   | 6·2       |
| Rye... ..                                    | 55,714     | 62,197     | 6,483     | 11·6      | —         | —         |
| Beans ... ..                                 | 252,782    | 254,765    | 1,983     | 0·8       | —         | —         |
| Peas ... ..                                  | 175,608    | 175,235    | —         | —         | 373       | 0·2       |
| Potatoes ... ..                              | 570,209    | 608,471    | 38,262    | 6·7       | —         | —         |
| Turnips and swedes ...                       | 1,604,104  | 1,589,273  | —         | —         | 14,831    | 0·9       |
| Mangold ... ..                               | 398,827    | 404,123    | 5,296     | 1·3       | —         | —         |
| Cabbage ... ..                               | 64,607     | 67,758     | 3,151     | 4·9       | —         | —         |
| Kohl-Rabi ... ..                             | 15,607     | 17,587     | 1,980     | 12·7      | —         | —         |
| Rape ... ..                                  | 97,772     | 93,881     | —         | —         | 3,891     | 4·0       |
| Vetches or tares ...                         | 126,229    | 136,429    | 8,200     | 6·4       | —         | —         |
| Lucerne ... ..                               | 55,724     | 53,410     | —         | —         | 2,314     | 4·2       |
| Other crops ... ..                           | 100,947    | 106,120    | 5,173     | 5·1       | —         | —         |
| Clover & rotation grasses—                   |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| For hay ... ..                               | 2,322,895  | 2,189,288  | —         | —         | 133,607   | 5·8       |
| Not for hay ... ..                           | 2,348,600  | 2,288,232  | —         | —         | 60,368    | 2·6       |
| Total ... ..                                 | 4,671,495  | 4,477,520  | —         | —         | 193,975   | 4·2       |
| Permanent grass*—                            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| For hay ... ..                               | 4,765,403  | 4,688,520  | —         | —         | 76,883    | 1·6       |
| Not for hay ... ..                           | 12,332,653 | 12,511,974 | 179,321   | 1·5       | —         | —         |
| Total ... ..                                 | 17,098,056 | 17,200,494 | 102,438   | 0·6       | —         | —         |
| Flax ... ..                                  | 563        | 441        | —         | —         | 122       | 21·7      |
| Hops ... ..                                  | 47,799     | 48,968     | 1,169     | 2·4       | —         | —         |
| Small fruit ... ..                           | 77,947     | 78,822     | 875       | 1·1       | —         | —         |
| Bare fallow ... ..                           | 432,690    | 349,313    | —         | —         | 83,377    | 19·3      |
| Orchards† ... ..                             | 243,008    | 244,323    | 1,315     | 0·5       | —         | —         |

\* Excluding 12,763,099 acres returned as mountain and heath land used for grazing in 1906, and 12,788,156 acres in 1904.

† The acreage of any crop or grass grown under the trees in orchards is also turned under its proper heading.

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| Distribution.                                | 1904.      | 1905.      | Increase. |           | Decrease. |           |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                              | No.        | No.        | No.       | Per Cent. | No.       | Per Cent. |
| Horses used for agricultural purposes*... .. | 1,120,247  | 1,122,419  | 2,172     | 0·2       | —         | —         |
| Unbroken horses—                             |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 1 year and above ... ..                      | 301,371    | 310,333    | 8,962     | 3·0       | —         | —         |
| Under 1 year ... ..                          | 138,618    | 139,681    | 1,063     | 0·8       | —         | —         |
| Total of horses ... ..                       | 1,560,236  | 1,572,433  | 12,197    | 0·8       | —         | —         |
| Cows and heifers in milk or in calf ... ..   | 2,678,680  | 2,707,392  | 28,712    | 1·1       | —         | —         |
| Other cattle—                                |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 2 years and above ... ..                     | 1,374,636  | 1,415,317  | 40,681    | 3·0       | —         | —         |
| 1 year and under 2 ... ..                    | 1,429,833  | 1,471,070  | 41,237    | 2·9       | —         | —         |
| Under 1 year ... ..                          | 1,375,203  | 1,393,241  | 18,038    | 1·3       | —         | —         |
| Total of cattle ... ..                       | 6,858,352  | 6,987,020  | 128,668   | 1·9       | —         | —         |
| Ewes kept for breeding ... ..                | 9,880,908  | 9,935,766  | 54,858    | 0·6       | —         | —         |
| Other sheep—                                 |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 1 year and above ... ..                      | 5,313,602  | 5,147,517  | —         | —         | 166,085   | 3·1       |
| Under 1 year ... ..                          | 10,012,668 | 10,173,913 | 161,245   | 1·6       | —         | —         |
| Total of sheep ... ..                        | 25,207,178 | 25,257,196 | 50,018    | 0·2       | —         | —         |
| Sows kept for breeding ... ..                | 382,056    | 335,008    | —         | —         | 47,048    | 12·3      |
| Other pigs ... ..                            | 2,479,588  | 2,089,911  | —         | —         | 389,677   | 15·7      |
| Total of pigs ... ..                         | 2,861,644  | 2,424,919  | —         | —         | 436,725   | 15·3      |

\* Including mares kept for breeding.

## FOREIGN COMPETITION IN NATAL IMPORT TRADE.

The following particulars of the import trade of Natal during the six months ended 30th June, 1904, and 1905, respectively, showing the extent of the trade of the United Kingdom's most important competitors in that market during the periods named, together with comparative statistics of the imports of competing classes of goods, are extracted from a report furnished to the Board of Trade by their correspondent at Durban (Mr. A. D. C. Agnew):—

## Oversea Imports.

| From                         | 1904—<br>First<br>Six Months. | 1905—<br>First<br>Six Months. | Increase +<br>or<br>Decrease — |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                              | £                             | £                             | £                              |
| <b>United Kingdom ...</b>    | 3,082,800                     | 2,975,000                     | — 107,800                      |
| <b>Colonies—</b>             |                               |                               |                                |
| Australia ...                | 455,500                       | 356,500                       | — 99,000                       |
| Canada ...                   | 84,000                        | 110,200                       | + 26,200                       |
| Mauritius ...                | 44,500                        | 94,800                        | + 50,300                       |
| New Zealand ...              | 68,400                        | 56,600                        | — 11,800                       |
| <b>Foreign Countries—</b>    |                               |                               |                                |
| United States of America ... | 657,600                       | 383,100                       | — 274,500                      |
| Germany ...                  | 199,700                       | 233,500                       | + 33,800                       |
| Belgium ...                  | 79,200                        | 52,200                        | — 27,000                       |
| Sweden and Norway ...        | 186,100                       | 47,400                        | — 138,700                      |
| Peru ...                     | —                             | 39,000                        | + 39,000                       |
| <b>Other Countries ...</b>   | 46,200                        | 431,700                       | + 385,500                      |
| <b>Total ...</b>             | £ 4,904,000                   | 4,780,000                     | — 124,000                      |
| <b>Government Imports...</b> | £ 620,500                     | 263,600                       | — 356,900                      |
| <b>Grand total ...</b>       | £ 5,524,500                   | 5,043,600                     | — 480,900                      |

The increase in imports from Germany of 33,800*l.* was contributed to by glycerine for manufacturing purposes (22,000*l.*); machinery, mining and sundry (11,000*l.*); and also by musical instruments, hardware, ironmongery, &c.

The imports from Germany were, with very few exceptions, goods which British makers produce. The total value of these as shown in the above tabular statement was 233,500*l.*

The imports from Peru (39,000*l.*) consisted of two cargoes of nitrate of soda for explosives, for the Transvaal.

Canadian shipments of wheaten flour and meal increased from 31,000*l.* to 88,000*l.* Mauritius sugars were imported in very large quantities.

### *Foreign Competition in Natal Import Trade.*

The value of the timber imported from Sweden and Norway through Durban fell from 180,000*l.* in 1904 to 47,000*l.* in 1905, large cargoes being sent instead to Delagoa Bay.

Imports from Australia of meats and butter were much smaller in 1905 than in the previous year.

The heavy fall in shipments from the United States of America into Natal was due to the fact that no maize was received from the United States in 1905 and the shipments of wheaten flour and meal fell off considerably, and also to restricted trade in other goods. The values of maize were:—1904, 56,000*l.*, 1905, nil; and flour: 1904, 138,000*l.*, 1905, 49,000*l.*

The total imports from the United States (383,100*l.*) include foodstuffs, paraffin oil and wood and woodware—value 156,600*l.*—not usually exported in large quantities from the United Kingdom to South Africa. The remainder of the imports from the United States are nearly all goods similar to those exported by British manufacturers,\* and most of them might have been supplied by British makers.

The following table gives the values of the imports into Natal (oversea) showing the most important increases in the first half of 1905, compared with the same time last year:—

|                                      | 1904.<br>First Six Months. | 1905.<br>First Six Months. |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                      | £                          | £                          |
| Motor bicycles and motor cars ... .. | 14,200                     | 27,100                     |
| Coffee, raw ... ..                   | 8,800                      | 37,500                     |
| Hosiery ... ..                       | 23,500                     | 37,100                     |
| Iron pipes and piping ... ..         | 27,900                     | 50,700                     |
| Machinery, electrical ... ..         | 61,400                     | 113,000                    |
| „ mining ... ..                      | 42,100                     | 89,400                     |
| Rice ... ..                          | 69,800                     | 112,100                    |
| Sugar and golden syrup ... ..        | 56,700                     | 127,800                    |
| Tea ... ..                           | 22,400                     | 31,300                     |

The principal articles of import showing decreases in value were—meats, maize and maize meal, timber and woodware, agricultural implements, cement.

The following statement shows the imports into Natal during the six months ended June 30th, 1905, of certain goods, similar to British manufactures, from foreign countries, compared with imports of the same from the United Kingdom:—

\* For list of these, see Tabular Statement on next page.

*Foreign Competition in Natal Import Trade.*

| Articles.                       | From<br>United<br>Kingdom. | From all<br>Countries. | Foreign<br>% | Chiefly from            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Agricultural implements ...     | £ 7,160                    | £ 18,300               | 61·2         | U.S.A.                  |
| Ale and beer—bottled... ..      | 13,700                     | 16,500                 | 17·0         | Germany.                |
| Candles ... ..                  | 17,500                     | 23,100                 | 24·3         | U.S.A.                  |
| Carriages and carts ... ..      | 12,600                     | 21,000                 | 40·0         | "                       |
| Cement ... ..                   | 5,800                      | 13,200                 | 56·1         | Germany and<br>Belgium. |
| Cotton blankets and sheets ...  | 8,000                      | 12,800                 | 35·0         | Belgium.                |
| Glass—                          |                            |                        |              |                         |
| Window ... ..                   | 8,200                      | 14,700                 | 44·3         | "                       |
| Wares ... ..                    | 5,300                      | 10,400                 | 49·1         | Germany.                |
| Hardware and cutlery ... ..     | 91,000                     | 116,300                | 27·8         | U.S.A.                  |
| Lamp ware ... ..                | 3,800                      | 9,400                  | 59·6         | Germany.                |
| Stoves ... ..                   | 10,000                     | 16,600                 | 29·8         | U.S.A.                  |
| Motor bicycles and vehicles ... | 9,000                      | 27,100                 | 66·8         | Germany.                |
| Iron and steel—                 |                            |                        |              |                         |
| Fencing wire ... ..             | 7,500                      | 24,900                 | 69·9         | U.S.A.                  |
| Nails ... ..                    | 1,300                      | 4,800                  | 73·0         | U.S.A. and<br>Germany.  |
| Railway material ... ..         | 10,700                     | 19,700                 | 46·7         | Germany.                |
| Machinery—                      |                            |                        |              |                         |
| Agricultural ... ..             | 4,700                      | 10,200                 | 54·0         | U.S.A.                  |
| Electrical ... ..               | 94,000                     | 113,000                | 16·9         | Germany.                |
| Mining ... ..                   | 69,500                     | 89,400                 | 22·3         | U.S.A. and<br>Germany.  |
| Other ... ..                    | 53,000                     | 76,900                 | 31·1         | "                       |
| Medicinal preparations ... ..   | 14,000                     | 21,100                 | 33·7         | U.S.A.                  |
| Oils—sundry ... ..              | 4,200                      | 23,900                 | 82·5         | "                       |
| Paper—                          |                            |                        |              |                         |
| Printing ... ..                 | 11,000                     | 17,000                 | 35·3         | Germany.                |
| Hangings ... ..                 | 7,500                      | 9,400                  | 20·3         | "                       |
| Toys and fancyware ... ..       | 7,000                      | 21,700                 | 67·8         | "                       |
| Musical instruments ... ..      | 9,300                      | 35,800                 | 74·1         | "                       |

Mr. Agnew's report includes also (1) a statement of all imports into Natal by sea from the United States of America and Germany during the six months ended June 30th, 1905; and (2) a comparative statement for the six months ended 30th June, 1904, and 30th June, 1905, respectively of imports into Natal of certain goods (similar to British manufactures) from the United Kingdom, Germany, United States of America, and other countries. These may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).



## TRADE MARKS IN ARGENTINA AND CHILE.

H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross), states in a recent despatch that it is evident from what has come under his notice that the importance of registration in the Argentine Republic of trade marks is not understood or appreciated by British (including Colonial) merchants.

According to the Argentine law it is permissible for any one to register a trade mark for one class or for any number of different classes of goods provided that mark has not already been registered in the country. The cost of registration including agent's fees is about 10*l.*, and the time necessary to obtain registration some six weeks. The registration gives protection for ten years.

The results of non-registration may be very serious. The registered (in Argentina) owner of a mark can lay an embargo on all goods he may find bearing that mark, although such goods may have been made by the original owner of the mark, and have been legitimately introduced into the country. This man may have to be bought off by the original owner of the mark, or the manufacturer has to invent and push another mark. Mr. Ross relates an instance of this having actually occurred recently.

Registration can be effected by an agent acting under a power of attorney. The power should be certified to by an Argentine Consul.

Mr. Ross transmits a copy of the form of registration needed, which may be seen, on application, at the Patent Office, 25, Southampton Buildings, W.C.

H.M. Minister at Santiago (Mr. A. S. Raikes) reports the passing of a Law on the 16th June last by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile, which is of great importance to British commercial interests in that country.

It declares the Law of the 12th November, 1874, referring to the registration of trade marks, to be valid, as well as marks which have been registered in accordance with that law.

The present enactment will remove the feelings of anxiety created by the decision of the Court of Valparaiso in November last, that this Law of 1874 had been modified by a subsequent law of 22nd December, 1891. The ambiguous clause in the law of 1891, referring to the right of the various municipalities to effect registrations of trade marks, upon which the Valparaiso decision was founded, has also been erased.

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## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### NEW ZEALAND.

A copy of the "New Zealand Gazette" for 6th July, 1905, has been received containing a Proclamation, dated the 24th June last, prohibiting the importation into New Zealand of "optanine," an article used in brewing in the place of hops.

**Importation of  
"Optanine"  
Prohibited.**

The same issue of the "New Zealand Gazette" also contains an Order (No. 779) which was issued by the Commissioner of Trade and Customs on 5th July last, giving Customs decisions respecting the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into New Zealand.

The following are the principal decisions given:—

| Articles and how classed.                                                                                                                                                                                           | Rates of Duty.      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Carbon plates for galvanic batteries—                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
| As machinery, electric, and appliances ... ..                                                                                                                                                                       | 10 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| *Engines and boilers for mining or dairying purposes, if imported specially for sale to mines or dairies, may be warehoused and cleared at 5 % <i>ad val.</i> when sold to a mining company or dairy factory ... .. | 5 % "               |
| (A declaration is to be made.)                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |
| Irons, smoothing, gas-heated, used in laundries and private houses—                                                                                                                                                 |                     |
| As hardware ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 20 % "              |
| Knives, band cutting, claimed as agricultural implements—                                                                                                                                                           |                     |
| As cutlery ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 20 % "              |
| Machine, box-hinging—                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
| As wood-workers' machine tool ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                | Free.               |
| Machine, leather creasing—                                                                                                                                                                                          |                     |
| As machinery not otherwise enumerated ... ..                                                                                                                                                                        | 20 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| Shafting, turned—                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
| As manufactures, not otherwise enumerated, of metal ...                                                                                                                                                             | 20 % "              |
| Tie-rods for cable tramway—                                                                                                                                                                                         |                     |
| As bolts and nuts ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                            | Free.               |
| Wire gauze of copper—                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
| As articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Colony ...                                                                                                     | Free.               |

\* Revised decision.

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

## SIERRA LEONE.

The Board of Trade have received from the Collector of Customs at Sierra Leone a copy of an Ordinance (No. 14 of 1905), which received the assent of the Governor of the Colony on the 22nd July last.

Under the present Ordinance no change is made in the rate of Customs duty per imperial gallon, viz., 4s., charged on spirits imported into Sierra Leone, but in the case of spirits of which the degree of strength can be ascertained, a different standard of strength as shown below is adopted:—

Spirits and strong waters, the strength of which can be ascertained by Sykes' hydrometer, when of or under the strength of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. under proof by such hydrometer—

|                                            |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <i>Per imperial gallon or part thereof</i> | ... | ... | 4s. |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|

and so in proportion to alcoholic strength for any greater strength.

The Ordinance under notice also provides that the Collector of Customs may, with the approval of the Governor, prescribe that Tralles hydrometer or such other hydrometer as may be prescribed shall be used instead of Sykes' hydrometer for ascertaining the strength of spirits, and when such substituted hydrometer is used the following shall have effect:—

Spirits and strong waters, when of or under the strength of 50 per cent. of pure alcohol by such hydrometer—

Per imperial gallon or part thereof ... 4s.

and in addition 1d. per imperial gallon or part thereof for each unit per centum of pure alcohol above 50 per cent.

## EGYPT.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 5th August, contains the following revised Valuation Tariff for use in

**Valuation Tariff for Sugars.** following revised Valuation Tariff for use in assessing import duties on various kinds of sugar. This tariff was to come into operation

on the 29th July and will remain in force until the 28th September next, or until denunciation:—

| Kinds of Sugar.                                                                                    | Valuation per<br>100 Kilogs.* |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                                                                    | Millièmes.†                   |
| Crystallised or moist, from Russia, in single or double bags<br>(gross weight) ... ..              | 1,200                         |
| Crystallised or moist, from all other countries, in single or<br>double bags (gross weight) ... .. | 1,200                         |
| Powdered or centrifugal, of any origin ... ..                                                      | 1,340                         |
| Crushed, of any origin ... ..                                                                      | 1,380                         |
| Cubes, of any origin, in boxes (net weight) ... ..                                                 | 1,470                         |
| Leaves, " " " " " " " " " "                                                                        | 1,550                         |

\* Duty is levied on these valuations at the rate of 8 per cent.

† 1,000 millièmes = £E1 = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### SWEDEN.

With reference to the notice which appeared at pp. 64-5 of the "Journal" for the 13th April last, relative to **Modification of Sugar Taxation.** a proposed modification of the excise and import duties on sugar in Sweden, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a despatch from H.M. Minister at Stockholm reporting that the Bill embodying the proposals as regards the excise duty has been passed by the Riksdag. From the 1st September, 1906, therefore, excise duty at the rate of 13 öre per kilog. (7s. 4d. per cwt.) will be levied on all sugar brought to market, whether imported or of home production. With respect to the import duty on sugar, H.M. Minister states that effect has not yet been given to the alteration contemplated by the Bill, viz., the reduction of the import duty by the amount levied as excise duty; but he understands that before the date on which the new excise duty comes into force, the necessary legislation will be introduced to amend the import duties on sugar in this sense.

#### FRANCE AND NEW CALEDONIA—NEW HEBRIDES.

A recent French Customs Circular contains a copy of a Presidential Decree, dated the 6th June, fixing as follows the quantities of certain articles, the produce of French establishments in the New Hebrides, which may be imported into France and New Caledonia between the 1st July, 1905, and the 30th June, 1906, at reduced rates of duty under the conditions established by the Decree of the 12th November, 1901:—

| Articles.  | Rate of duty.                                                                   | Quantities allowed to be imported at reduced rate. |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|            |                                                                                 | Kilogs.                                            |
| Coffee ... | Minimum rates under the tariff of France, less 78 francs per 100 kilogs. ... .. | 250,000                                            |
| Cocoa ...  | Half the minimum rates under the tariff of France                               | { 3,000<br>4,000                                   |
| Vanilla }  |                                                                                 |                                                    |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***SERVIA.**

The Italian "Bollettino di Legislazione e Statistica Doganale e Commerciale" for May last states that a Servian Royal *ukaz* has been issued putting into force the new Servian "General" Tariff duties on the articles enumerated in the following statement:—

| New Servian<br>"General"<br>Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Rate of Duty<br>under the new<br>"General" Tariff. |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dinars.*                                           |
| <i>ex</i> 69                           | Fish fat; and fish oil, unrefined ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Free.                                              |
| 76 1 (a) & (b)                         | Skins of domestic animals, raw, dried, wet,<br>salted, limed or not, with or without the<br>hair ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                  | "                                                  |
| 97                                     | Wood and bark for tanning—<br>Quebracho and other wood and bark for<br>tanning, in blocks or cut in pieces;<br>algarovilla, bablach, gall nuts, dividivi,<br>valonia, myrobalams, catechu, sumach,<br>kino, and other materials for tanning<br>not specially mentioned in the Tariff ... | "                                                  |
| 100 <i>ex</i> (2)                      | Gum arabic (excluding liquid gum arabic)<br>and adraganth ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | "                                                  |
| 200 (1)                                | Borax, crude, and boracic acid, crude ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | "                                                  |
| <i>ex</i> 206                          | Bichromate of calcium ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 100 kilogs. 10 00                                  |
| <i>ex</i> 207                          | Chrome-alum—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                    |
| <i>ex</i> 1                            | Crystallised ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | " 2 50                                             |
| <i>ex</i> 2                            | Calcined and powdered ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | " 15 00                                            |
| 212 <i>ex</i> (4)                      | Sulphate of soda ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | " 0 50                                             |
| 214 <i>ex</i> (3)                      | Hydrochloric acid ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | " 1 00                                             |
| 214 <i>ex</i> (4)                      | Chromic acid ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | " 20 00                                            |
| <i>ex</i> 225                          | Albumen—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                    |
| <i>ex</i> (2)                          | For technical purposes ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | " 35 00                                            |
| <i>ex</i> 230                          | Barberry juice for tanning ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Free.                                              |
| 237 <i>ex</i> (2)                      | " " dyeing ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 100 kilogs. 10 00                                  |

\* Dinar = 9.6d.

**ITALY.**

The following is a translation of a further portion of the schedule of conventional duties to be levied on German imports into Italy attached to the new Commercial Treaty between Italy and Germany, which is to take effect, as regards imports into Italy, from the 31st March next.

[Continued from p. 363 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 24th August.]

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY—continued.**

| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Rate of Duty.                 |                                                             |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | At present.                   | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                               |
| <i>Ex</i> 238 | Boilers for machines—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> (a) | Tube boilers, with tubes of wrought or cast iron ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 14 00                         | 14 00                                                       |
| (b)           | Other than tube boilers ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 12 00                         | 12 00                                                       |
| 239           | Machine tools for working wood and metals (saws, planes, lathes, screw-stocks, drilling machines, &c.) weighing more than 300 kilogs. ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9 00                          | 9 00                                                        |
| <i>Ex</i> 240 | Machinery—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                               |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> (a) | Steam engines—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                                                             |
|               | 1. Stationary, without boiler ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12 00                         | 12 00                                                       |
|               | <i>Ex</i> 2. Semi-stationary, with boiler; hot air, compressed air, gas, and petroleum motors (including rotary motors): weighing more than 300 kilogs. ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 12 00                         | 12 00                                                       |
| (f)           | Agricultural of all kinds ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | { 4 00* }<br>9 00†            | 9 00                                                        |
| (h)           | Machines and looms for weaving                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6 00                          | 10 00                                                       |
| (j)           | Sewing machines—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                               |                                                             |
|               | 1. With stands ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 25 00†                        | 25 00                                                       |
|               | 2. Without stands ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 30 00†                        | 25 00                                                       |
| <i>Ex</i> (l) | Not specially mentioned—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                                                             |
|               | Machines for breaking or pulverising stones, ores, bones, &c.; windlasses of cast or wrought iron; mechanical cranes, not hydraulic; jacks for lifting waggons, &c.; centrifugal machines for the manufacture of sugar; automatic brakes (pneumatic, vacuum, &c.); rolling mills; calendering machines, except those for calendering tissues; refrigerating machines; machines for the manufacture of aerated waters; paper-cutting machines; machines for the manufacture of bricks; machines for washing and ironing linen; book-binding machines; pneumatic machines for industrial purposes; polishing |                               |                                                             |

\* Haymaking machinery.

† Other agricultural machinery.

‡ In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, knitting machines (manual or power), with or without stands, pay 8 lire per 100 kilogs.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY—continued.**

| Tariff No.             | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Rate of Duty.                                                         |                                                             |
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|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | At present.                                                           | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
| Ad. Nos. 239 and 240 } | machines ; ventilators with mechanical movements ; paper-perforating machines ; yarn-dyeing machines ; machines and apparatus for the manufacture of paper and paper pulp ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Lire. Cts.<br/>Per 100 kilogs.</p> <p>{ 6 00* }<br/>  10 00† }</p> | <p>Lire. Cts.<br/>Per 100 kilogs.</p> <p>10 00</p>          |
|                        | <p>Machines may be introduced at the conventional rates of duty, even when imported in detached parts, under the conditions specified below, whether the parts arrive in one or in successive shipments, or loaded on one or on several waggons—</p> <p>All partial importations of machine parts must be declared at one and the same Customs house, and within a determined period, which must be fixed by the importer at the time of presentation of the first partial consignment and which cannot exceed two months.</p> <p>On the importation of a machine in detached parts, or of single parts of the same, the importer must present, together with the declaration, plans and drawings of the complete machine, as well as a list specifying the important parts, according to their nature, the number and the weight of each of these parts, and the approximate total weight of the small accessory parts.</p> <p>It is understood that if, after the clearance of certain of the detached parts of a machine, the remaining parts be not imported within the period fixed, the parts already imported will pay either the duties established for detached parts of machines, or, if there be no special tariff provision for such parts, duties according to the material of which they are made. However, the absence of a few accessory parts of small importance will not prevent the application of the duty established for the complete machine.</p> |                                                                       |                                                             |

\* Machines and apparatus for the manufacture of paper and paper pulp.

† Other.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY**—*continued.*

| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Rate of Duty.                        |                                                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | At present.                          | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Lire. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> | Lire. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                        |
|               | The Customs reserve the right to demand, until the final settlement is made for such partial importations, a guarantee for the duties to be eventually paid at the highest rate, and to attach an identifying mark to the imported parts; and likewise to satisfy themselves, by an examination made at the expense of the importer after the machine is set up, that all the partial consignments really belong to the said machine. Duplicate and spare parts always pay duty separately. |                                      |                                                             |
| <i>Ex 241</i> | Detached parts of machines:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                      |                                                             |
| <i>Ex (c)</i> | Other than of dynamo-electric and sewing machines, in so far as they belong to machines mentioned in the present Treaty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 11 00*                               | 11 00                                                       |
| 242           | Apparatus of copper or other materials, for heating, refining, distilling, &c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 20 00                                | 18 00                                                       |
| <i>Ad 242</i> | In the event of the duty on copper or on manufactures of copper or alloys the roof being increased, the duty on the apparatus enumerated under No. 242, in the manufacture of which these materials or manufactures are used, may be proportionately increased.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                             |
| 243           | Instruments, optical and mathematical; instruments of precision; astronomical, chemical, physical, and surgical instruments and the like:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      |                                                             |
| (a)           | Of copper brass, bronze, or steel:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |                                                             |
|               | 1. Fitted with telescopes, microscopes, or with graduated rods or discs; spy and field glasses, monocular or binocular; lenses, unmounted or mounted ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 30 00                                | 30 00                                                       |
|               | 2. Not fitted with any optical instrument, nor with graduated rods or discs ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 30 00                                | 30 00                                                       |

\* In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, detached parts of other machines (i.e., other than of dynamo-electric and sewing machines) of cast or wrought iron or of steel, belonging to machines mentioned in that Treaty, pay 10 lire per 100 kilogs.; and scrapers (doctors) of steel or composition-metal for textile-printing machines, pay 7 lire per 100 kilogs.



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| Tariff No.                     | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Rate of Duty.                                        |                                                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | At present.                                          | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
| 243<br>(b)                     | Instruments, optical, &c. ( <i>cont.</i> )—<br>Of all kinds, in the construction of which iron clearly predominates ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Lire Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>30 00*        | Lire Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>30 00                |
| <i>Ad</i> 243                  | Italy reserves to itself the right to subject electric lamps to a special regime. In case of the exercise of this right, the duty shall not exceed 5 lire per 100 on incandescent lamps, nor 60 lire per 100 kilogs. on voltaic arc lamps.                                                                                  |                                                      |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> 246<br>(c)           | Gold :<br>Hammered in leaves (without deducting the weight of the paper)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>Per kilog.</i><br>16 00                           | <i>Per kilog.</i><br>18 00                                  |
| <i>Ex</i> 247<br>(d)           | Silver :<br>Hammered in leaves (without deducting the weight of the paper)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5 00<br><i>Per hectogr.</i>                          | 5 00<br><i>Per hectogr.</i>                                 |
| 248                            | Goldsmiths' wares and gold plate ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 14 00                                                | 14 00                                                       |
| 249                            | Articles of silver, gilt or not, or silver plate ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —Articles of silver plated with gold, are classed as manufactures of silver gilt, and not as manufactures of gold.                                                                                                                                  | <i>Per kilog.</i><br>9 00                            | <i>Per kilog.</i><br>9 00                                   |
| 250<br>(a)                     | Jewellery :<br>Of gold—<br>1. Chains ... ..<br>2. Other ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Per hectogr.</i><br>1 00<br>3 00                  | <i>Per hectogr.</i><br>2 00<br>6 00                         |
| (b)                            | Of silver, gilt or not... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <i>Per kilog.</i><br>10 00<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> | <i>Per kilog.</i><br>10 00<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>        |
| <i>Ex</i> 254                  | Fittings for table and wall clocks ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 50 00<br><i>Per kilog.</i>                           | 50 00<br><i>Per kilog.</i>                                  |
| <i>Ex</i> 255<br><i>Ex</i> (b) | Precious stones, wrought :<br>Agates and onyxes ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9 00                                                 | 9 00                                                        |
| <i>Ex</i> 261                  | Stones, earthen, and non-metallic minerals :                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                      |                                                             |
| <i>Ex</i> (a)                  | Lithographic stones ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Free.                                                | Free.                                                       |
| 270                            | Earthenware or manufactures of white paste :                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                               | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                                      |
| (a)                            | White ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 16 00                                                | 16 00                                                       |
| (b)                            | Multi-coloured or painted, gilt, or otherwise decorated ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —Earthenware or manufactures of white paste coloured with a single ground colour or with plain lines, stripes, or rings of one colour (gold and silver excluded) are not regarded as decorated articles, and are included under No. 270 (a). | 25 00                                                | 25 00                                                       |

\* In virtue of the new Treaty with Switzerland, gas meters pay 20 lire per 100 kilogs. ; plastered splints in hermetically sealed boxes (Dr.W. Sahli's patent), 6 lire per 100 kilogs. ; and apparatus for the application of electricity, weighing more than 100 kilogs, 25 lire per 100 kilogs.

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| Tariff No.          | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Rate of Duty.                 |                                                             |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | At present.                   | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                               |
| 271                 | Porcelain :                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |                                                             |
| (a)                 | White ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 16 00                         | 16 00                                                       |
| (b)                 | Coloured, gilt or otherwise decorated ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 35 00                         | 35 00                                                       |
| Ad 270<br>and 271 } | Differences of impression, including ornamentation obtained in the paste, do not affect the classification.<br>Pipes of earthenware or porcelain, even with bands or lids of common metal, neither gilt nor silvered, are assimilated to manufactures of earthenware or porcelain. The lids and other accessories of nickel alloys with which these pipes may be furnished, are not regarded as of silvered metal. The same articles with bands or lids of common metals silvered are dutiable under No. 852 (a) (common small wares). |                               |                                                             |

(To be continued.)

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The following is the substance of some decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington.

**Customs  
Decisions.**

*Allowance for wantage upon liquors in barrels and casks.*—A wantage of 2½ per cent. of the capacity of barrels or casks in which wines and liquors are imported, will be allowed upon all liquors so imported. [*Wantage* is defined as the difference between the capacity of the cask and the quantity of wine or liquor which is usually placed in it according to the custom of the trade, a certain vacancy being allowed for the expansion of such wine or liquor].

*So-called beaver strips, or bands,* in the form of rectangular pieces of felted material, composed in part of wool but in chief value of rabbit fur, varying from 15 to 24 inches in width and 36 to 48 inches in length, and used in making hats, are dutiable under paragraph 450 of the Tariff, as manufactures in chief value of fur, not specially provided for, at the rate of 35 per cent. *ad valorem*.

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**Metal Alloy.**—An alloy of metal, composed of iron, tin, and manganese, which is chiefly used as a hardener in the manufacture of manganese bronze, and which in its imported condition is of no use, but must be melted and mixed with other metals to produce such effect as it is capable of producing, is dutiable under the provision in paragraph 183 of the Tariff for metals unwrought, at the rate of 20 per cent. *ad valorem*.

**Oat Hulls—Oat-Meal Feed.**—So-called oat-meal feed, a by-product in the manufacture of oat-meal, consisting of the hulls broken in the process of removal from the oats, is dutiable as "oat hulls" under paragraph 231 of the Tariff, at the rate of 10 cents per 100 pounds.

Also the following:—

| Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable. | Rate of Duty.                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| "Diamond steel," consisting of fine granules of steel used as materials to cut stone with, dutiable as a manufacture of steel ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 193                                           | Dols. cts.<br>45 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| <i>Rossed pulp wood</i> , is, pending the result of an appeal against a former Decision ( <i>see</i> "Board of Trade Journal" for 2nd June, 1904, p. 411,) to be dutiable under paragraph ... ..                                                                                                                                                | 200                                           | 20 % "                            |
| " <i>Electrite</i> ," an earthy substance containing about 80 per cent. of alumina, the only degree of manufacture to which it has been subjected being the application of heat in an electric furnace, and several processes of grinding to fit it for use as a substitute for ground emery, dutiable as earth, wrought or manufactured ... .. | 93                                            | Ton 2 00                          |
| <i>Waste consisting of mill sweepings</i> , containing a small percentage of wool, held to be waste fit only to be converted into paper ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 632                                           | Free.                             |
| <i>Shells, pierced, unmanufactured.</i> —Small shells, each crudely pierced with a single hole for stringing purposes, polished by the action of an acid bath in the process of cleansing and not by abrasion ...                                                                                                                               | 635                                           | "                                 |
| <i>Blown glass ornaments.</i> —Articles of blown glass in the form of birds perched on limbs projecting from tree trunks and provided with bases, the various parts thereof appropriately coloured or painted, equally adapted to use as bric-a-brac or as Christmas tree ornaments ... ..                                                      | 100                                           | 60 % <i>ad val.</i>               |

### MEXICO.

The Mexican "Diario Oficial" for the 30th June contains the text of a Presidential Decree abolishing the Free Abolition of the Free Zone. Zone\* from the 1st July. Goods imported into territory comprised within the limits

\* The "Free Zone" was a narrow strip of territory on the Mexican side of the northern frontier. Foreign goods imported into this zone for consumption therein paid only 10 per cent. of the ordinary Customs duties.

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of the Zone for consumption will for the future pay the same duties and taxes as are leviable under the laws in force on goods destined for other parts of the country. The Decree also provides that goods already imported into the abolished zone under the old régime, or subsequently imported, shall be admitted into the rest of the country without further payment; and natural and industrial products of places within the zone shall be imported into other parts of Mexico duty-free and without the presentation of Customs documents.

Another Decree published in the same issue of the "Diario" confers on the Federal Executive the power to suspend or reduce temporarily the import duties on wheat and maize in the case of scarcity arising from failure of the crops, or when, for any reason, the price of the articles in question rises abnormally.

With reference to the notices which have appeared in recent issues of the "Journal," the following is a translation of a further section of the text of the revised Customs Tariff for Mexico, which is to come in force on the 1st September next:—

[Continued from p. 367 of last week's "Journal."]

| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Unit.                                                                                                                           | Duty.               |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 374 | Yarn of flax or hemp, and yarn of other similar fibres, not specified ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Kilog. legal                                                                                                                    | Pesos. cts.<br>0 18 |
| 375 | Yarn of henequen, ixtle, New Zealand fibre ( <i>phormium tenax</i> ), sunn hemp ( <i>erolalaria juncia</i> ) or a mixture of these materials, not exceeding 403 metres to each kilogramme in weight; and yarn of abaca or manila hemp not exceeding 437 metres to each kilogramme in weight ... ..     | —                                                                                                                               | Free                |
| 376 | Linen or hemp thread in balls, spools, or skeins ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Kilog. legal                                                                                                                    | 0 25                |
| 377 | Linen or hemp thread on bobbins ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                 | 1 10                |
| 380 | Linen handkerchiefs, uncut and unhemmed ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Pay "the duty on the tissue of which they are made.<br>Pay the duty on the tissue of which they are made, plus a surtax of 25 % |                     |
| 381 | Linen handkerchiefs, cut or hemmed ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                 |                     |
| 382 | Coarse tissues of jute, abaca, aloe, ixtle, henequen, New Zealand fibre ( <i>phormium tenax</i> ), or hemp, bleached, unbleached, or coloured, of all textures, containing up to 32 threads of warp and woof in a square of 2 centimetres side, and weighing up to 400 grammes per square metre ... .. | Square metre                                                                                                                    | 0 06                |

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| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Unit.        | Duty.               |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 383 | Coarse tissues of jute, abaca, aloe, ixtle, henequen, New Zealand fibre ( <i>phormium tenax</i> ), or hemp, bleached, unbleached, or coloured, of all textures, containing up to 32 threads of warp and woof in a square of 2 centimetres side, and weighing more than 400 grammes per square metre ... .. | Square metre | Pesos. cts.<br>0 09 |
| 384 | Tissues of jute, abaca, aloe, ixtle, henequen, New Zealand fibre ( <i>phormium tenax</i> ), or hemp, bleached, unbleached, or coloured, of smooth texture, not included in the two foregoing sections, and containing up to 12 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side ... ..           |              | 0 15                |
| 385 | Tissues of flax or other similar fibres, not included in sections 382, 383, and 384, bleached, unbleached, or coloured, of smooth texture, and containing up to 12 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side ...                                                                          |              | 0 15                |
| 386 | Tissues of flax, hemp, and other similar fibres, bleached, unbleached, or coloured, of smooth texture, containing more than 12 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side ... ..                                                                                                           | "            | 0 22                |
| 387 | Tissues of flax, hemp, and other similar fibres, bleached, unbleached or coloured, of a texture which is not smooth ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                 | "            | 0 25                |
| 388 | Tissues of flax, hemp, and other similar fibres, bleached, unbleached, or coloured, embroidered with wool ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                           | "            | 0 40                |
| 389 | Tissues of flax, hemp, and other similar fibres, with admixture of base metal in patterns or designs, woven or embroidered ... ..                                                                                                                                                                          | Kilog. legal | 2 20                |
| 390 | Tissues of flax, hemp, and other similar fibres, bleached, unbleached, or coloured, with admixture of fine metal in the form of showers ( <i>lluvia</i> ) or threads ... ..                                                                                                                                | " "          | 3 30                |
| 391 | Tissues of flax, hemp, and other similar fibres, bleached, unbleached, or coloured, with admixture of fine metal in patterns or designs, woven or embroidered ... ..                                                                                                                                       | " "          | 5 50                |
| 392 | Carpets and rugs made solely of hemp, jute, or other similar vegetable fibres, of smooth texture, twilled, worked or shaggy ( <i>de rizo</i> ) ...                                                                                                                                                         | Square metre | 0 28                |
| 393 | Carpets and rugs made solely of hemp, jute, or other similar vegetable fibres, with pile ...                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              | 0 40                |
| 394 | Carpets and rugs made solely of hemp, jute, or other similar vegetable fibre, with fringes or selvage of wool ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                       |              | 0 45                |
| 397 | Socks and stockings of linen stocking-net, even with ornaments of different material, other than precious metal or silk ... ..                                                                                                                                                                             | Kilog. legal | 2 60                |
| 398 | Socks and stockings of linen stocking-net, with silk ornaments ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | " "          | 2 80                |
| 399 | Drawers and shirts of linen for men and boys ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | " "          | 3 30                |
| 400 | Shirts, drawers, cache-corsets, and other articles of linen stocking-net, not specified, with ornaments of silk ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                     | " "          | 3 60                |

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| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Unit.        | Duty.               |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 401 | Undershirts, drawers, cache-corsets, and other articles of linen stocking-net, not specified, even with ornaments of different material, other than precious metal or silk ... ..                                               | Kilog. legal | Pesos. cts:<br>3 20 |
| 402 | Linen or hemp corsets, even with tapes and small ornaments other than of precious metal                                                                                                                                         | " "          | 3 50                |
| 403 | Dress lengths of linen, even with embroidered or lace ornaments of cotton or linen, for women and girls ... ..                                                                                                                  | " "          | 2 00                |
| 404 | Dress lengths of linen, with ornaments of tissue containing silk, or with skirts or over-skirts of linen or cotton lace or point ...                                                                                            | " "          | 3 00                |
| 405 | Curtains, quilts, bed-covers, table-covers, antimacassars, and pillow-cases of linen or hemp, without embroidery ... ..                                                                                                         | " "          | 1 40                |
| 406 | Curtains, quilts, bed-covers, table-covers, antimacassars, and pillow-cases of linen or hemp, with embroidery ... ..                                                                                                            | " "          | 2 00                |
| 407 | Linen ruffles, fringes, galloons, trimmings, edgings, tape, and net-work ... ..                                                                                                                                                 | " "          | 2 50                |
| 408 | Linen ruffles, fringes, galloons, trimmings, edgings, tape, and net-work, with beads of glass, common metal, or paste ... ..                                                                                                    | " "          | 1 25                |
| 409 | Garters and braces of linen or hemp of all kinds, with or without fittings ... ..                                                                                                                                               | " "          | 1 50                |
| 410 | Linen handkerchiefs, with trimming of cotton or linen lace ... ..                                                                                                                                                               | Each         | 0 45                |
| 411 | Linen umbrellas, parasols, and sunshades ...                                                                                                                                                                                    | "            | 0 66                |
| 412 | Linen shirt-fronts, collars, and cuffs, neither embroidered nor open-worked ... ..                                                                                                                                              | Kilog. legal | 2 20                |
| 413 | Linen shirt fronts, collars and cuffs, embroidered or open-worked ... ..                                                                                                                                                        | " "          | 3 30                |
| 417 | Elastic webbing of linen or hemp with caoutchouc, more than 4 centimetres in width ...                                                                                                                                          | " "          | 0 66                |
| 418 | Elastic webbing of linen or hemp with caoutchouc, not exceeding 4 centimetres in width                                                                                                                                          | " "          | 1 00                |
| 419 | Ready-made clothing, not specified, and parts thereof, when sewn, of linen of all kinds and textures, even with ornamentation of lace, insertions, or common metal, for adults and children ... ..                              | " "          | 3 30                |
| 420 | Ready-made clothing, not specified, and parts thereof, when sewn, of linen of all kinds and textures, with ornaments of ribbon or tissue containing silk, or with skirts or over-skirts of cotton or linen lace or point ... .. | " "          | 4 30                |
| 421 | Linen insertions, open-worked or embroidered with cotton, wool or linen ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | " "          | 2 75                |
| 422 | Linen insertions, open-worked or embroidered with cotton, wool or linen, with beads of glass, common metal or paste... ..                                                                                                       | " "          | 1 70                |
| 423 | Woollen cord, of a diameter not exceeding 10 millimetres ... ..                                                                                                                                                                 | " "          | 2 75                |
| 424 | Woollen cord of a diameter exceeding 10 millimetres ... ..                                                                                                                                                                      | " "          | 1 10                |
| 425 | Cotton or hemp cord covered with wool, of a diameter not exceeding 10 millimetres ...                                                                                                                                           | " "          | 70 1                |

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| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Unit.        | Duty.               |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 426 | Cotton or hemp cord covered with wool, of a diameter exceeding 10 millimetres ... ..                                                                                                                                | Kilog. legal | Pesos ct.s.<br>0 55 |
| 427 | Worsted or woollen thread (even with admixture of metal thread) and woollen yarn                                                                                                                                    |              | 2 00                |
| 428 | Woollen lace and point of all kinds, and manufactures thereof ... ..                                                                                                                                                | " "          | 9 00                |
| 429 | Woollen tissues of all textures, even when embroidered with wool, cotton or linen, or having showers ( <i>lluvia</i> ) of silk or metal thread, weighing up to 100 grammes per square metre ... ..                  | Kilog. net   | 3 00                |
| 430 | The same tissues weighing more than 100 and up to 180 grammes per square metre...                                                                                                                                   | " "          | 2 60                |
| 431 | The same tissues weighing more than 180 and up to 450 grammes per square metre...                                                                                                                                   | " "          | 4 00                |
| 432 | The same tissues weighing over 450 grammes per square metre ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | " "          | 2 60                |
| 433 | Carpets of coarse frieze of smooth texture, or twilled, or of beaten wool ... ..                                                                                                                                    | Square metre | 0 85                |
| 434 | Carpets and rugs of woollen cut velvet ( <i>rizo</i> ), with warp of hemp or any other material ...                                                                                                                 |              | 1 00                |
| 435 | Carpets and rugs of woollen shag, with warp of hemp or other material ... ..                                                                                                                                        | " "          | 1 70                |
| 436 | Carpets of corded wool, with warp of hemp or other material ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | " "          | 1 00                |
| 437 | Hosiery or knitted goods of wool or worsted, not specified, even with ornaments of any material other than precious metal or silk...                                                                                | Kilog. legal | 2 50                |
| 438 | Woollen tassels even with core of some other material ... ..                                                                                                                                                        | " "          | 1 10                |
| 439 | Woollen tassels with cords of the same material                                                                                                                                                                     | " "          | 2 20                |
| 440 | Woollen under and over-shirts and drawers, even with small ornaments of silk ... ..                                                                                                                                 | " "          | 2 75                |
| 441 | Woollen corsets, even with tapes, and small ornaments other than of precious metal ...                                                                                                                              | " "          | 3 00                |
| 442 | Dress lengths of wool of all kinds, even if embroidered with cotton, linen, or wool, and even with ornaments of cotton, linen, wool, silk ribbons, or beads of glass, common metal or paste, for women and girls... | " "          | 3 00                |
| 443 | Dress lengths of wool, interwoven with silk, or embroidered in silk, even with ornaments containing silk, or beads of glass, common metal or paste, for women and girls...                                          | " "          | 4 50                |
| 444 | Curtains of wool ready for use, or with linings of cotton, wool, or linen, even embroidered, or with ornaments and accessories other than of precious metal or silk ... ..                                          | " "          | 3 00                |
| 445 | Woollen ruffles, even with woollen lace and small ornaments of silk or of metal thread; and fringes, galloons, trimmings, edgings, ribbon, tape and net-work of wool ... ..                                         | " "          | 3 30                |
| 446 | Woollen felt, weighing not more than 350 grammes per square metre ... ..                                                                                                                                            | " "          | 1 10                |
| 447 | Woollen felt, weighing more than 350 grammes per square metre ... ..                                                                                                                                                | " "          | 0 30                |

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| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Unit.        | Duty.               |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 448 | Endless belting of woollen felt, for machinery (whether imported with the machinery for which destined or not) ... ..                                                                                                                           | Kilog. gross | Pesos. cts.<br>0 06 |
| 449 | Fringes, galloons, trimmings, edgings, tape, ribbon, and net-work of wool, with beads of glass, common metal, or paste ... ..                                                                                                                   | " legal      | 2 00                |
| 450 | Woollen gloves, other than knitted, without lining ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                       | " "          | 3 30                |
| 451 | Woollen gloves, other than knitted, lined ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                | " "          | 1 70                |
| 452 | Woollen chenille, even combined with metal thread ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                        | " "          | 2 75                |
| 453 | Woollen garters and braces, of all kinds, with or without fittings ... ..                                                                                                                                                                       | " Each       | 2 00                |
| 454 | Woollen umbrellas, parasols, and sunshades ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                               | "            | 1 10                |
| 455 | Woollen " <i>rebozos</i> " (shawls) of up to 26 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side... ..                                                                                                                                | Square metre | 1 70                |
| 456 | Woollen " <i>rebozos</i> " (shawls) of more than 26 threads of warp and woof in a square of 5 millimetres side... ..                                                                                                                            | " "          | 2 75                |
| 457 | Elastic webbing of wool and caoutchouc more than 4 centimetres in width ... ..                                                                                                                                                                  | Kilog. legal | 0 90                |
| 458 | Elastic webbing of wool and caoutchouc not exceeding 4 centimetres in width ... ..                                                                                                                                                              | " "          | 1 60                |
| 459 | Ready-made clothing, not specified, and separate parts thereof, when sewn, of woollen stuffs of all kinds, even with ornaments other than of precious metal or silk ... ..                                                                      | " "          | 6 00                |
| 460 | Ready-made clothing, not specified, and separate parts thereof, when sewn, of woollen stuffs with admixture of silk in the tissue, in the embroidery, or in the ornamentation, even with other ornaments, except those of precious metal ... .. | " "          | 7 00                |
| 461 | Sarapes of wool, in imitation of those of Saltillo, figured or printed ... ..                                                                                                                                                                   | Square metre | 8 00                |
| 462 | Woollen insertions, open-worked or embroidered with cotton, wool, or linen ... ..                                                                                                                                                               | Kilog. legal | 3 80                |
| 463 | Woollen insertions with beads of glass, common metal, or paste ... ..                                                                                                                                                                           | " "          | 2 20                |

*(To be continued.)***NICARAGUA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Decree of the President of Nicaragua, dated 30th June, respecting the payment of import and export duties on the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua. This Decree provides as follows:—

**Payment of  
Import and  
Export Duties on  
the Pacific Coast.**



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*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

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*Article I.*—Payment of import duties shall be made in the following manner:—

For every hundred *pesos* of duty payable according to the tariff, two hundred and forty *pesos* in national paper money shall be paid, or the equivalent thereof in silver at fifty per cent., or in gold at twenty per cent., the surtax of one hundred per cent. established by a previous Law being included.

*Article II.*—Export duties which are fixed in gold and which are paid at present at the rate of six hundred and thirty per cent. in national paper money, shall continue to be so paid, or shall be paid in gold, at the rate of one *peso* for each five paper *pesos*, *i.e.*, at the rate of twenty per cent.

*Article III.*—On the Atlantic Coast the duties shall continue to be paid in the usual manner.

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## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### CAPE COLONY.

“The Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette,” of the 4th August, publishes the text of amended regulations framed by the Table Bay Harbour Board, and approved by the Government, to take effect from the 15th August.

**Amended  
Harbour Regu-  
lations at  
Table Bay.**

The “Gazette” may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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### ITALY.

With reference to the notice on p. 126 of the “Board of Trade Journal” of the 20th July on the subject of the new route by sea and river for transport of goods by barges from Trieste to Milan and back, the Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari) reports that the Venice “Società di Navigazione Fluviale” and the Trieste “Unione Austriaca di Navigazione” have arranged for a service from the towns of the Venetian and Lombardy provinces to the principal ports of the United States, Mexico, Central America and the Antilles—touched by the “Unione Austriaco di Navigazione.” An agreement also will be concluded with all the railway and tram companies connecting the principal industrial centres of the Venetian and Lombardy provinces with Mantua, where large warehouses with modern appliances will be erected, in order to obtain quick loading and unloading of goods. From Mantua the goods will be carried by large barges to Venice, from where the goods will be transhipped on the steamers of the “Unione Austriaca di Navigazione.”

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## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

A formal investigation was held in the Guildhall, Nottingham, on the 26th and 27th July last, into the circumstances attending the explosion of a boiler, which occurred at Beeston on the 16th January last. The user and his manager were blamed for not seeing that the boiler was worked under safe conditions, but no order was made as to costs.

A formal investigation was held in the Town Hall, Dronfield, Derbyshire, on the 15th and 16th August, in regard to a boiler explosion which occurred at Mickley Colliery on the 6th June last. The Colliery Company were blamed for negligence in not providing for efficient management and inspection of the boiler, and were ordered to pay 50*l.* towards the costs of the investigation.

### FRANCE—ALGERIA.

H.M. Consul-General at Algiers (Mr. F. Hay Newton), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that German fuel in Algiers. formerly Welsh fuel had practically a monopoly there, but that the importation of German fuel has considerably increased during the last few years. German fuel has just been accepted in contract by the Paris-Lyons-Mediterranean Railway, 11,000 tons fuel, 9,000 tons small coal, at about  $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* per ton less than that offered by British competitors. The quality appears to give satisfaction, and the analysis made by the railway company gave the following results:—

|                 |     |     |     |     | Per Cent. |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Water           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.627     |
| Volatile matter | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27.607    |
| Ash             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5.825     |
| Carbon          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 65.941    |
| Total           |     |     |     |     | 100.000   |

It is however, found to be friable. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,479.*)

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

In a despatch to the Foreign Office, the Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvani) states that according to an official report the total value of mining products in Austria during 1904 amounted to 9,225,000*l.* (182,500*l.* less than in 1903). The production of iron gave a total of 3,816,600*l.* (150,000*l.* more than in 1903). Deducting the value of raw material, the total value of mining produce and of iron works has been 11,644,166*l.* (104,167*l.*

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*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.*

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**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—continued.**

more than in 1903). The salt produced during 1904 was valued at 2,166,666*l*.

Mr. N. Salvari also reports that according to a statement from Laibach, a petroleum spring of some importance has been discovered at Oberfeld, in the Province of Carniola.

**Petroleum  
Discovery.**

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**BRAZIL.**

The annual report for 1904 of the British Vice-Consul at Santa Catharina (Mr. W. B. Chaplin) states that there are several coal mines in that State besides the Pubarão mines.

**Coal.**

The Federal Government have had these examined by American experts, and a fair quantity has been sent to Rio de Janeiro, the United States of America, and Germany. The coal is reported to be suitable for locomotives.

It is proposed to prolong the D-Thereza Christina Railway to Masciambu, in order to facilitate the exportation of the coal.

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**YARNS AND TEXTILES.**

**OTTOMAN EMPIRE.**

The recent report of Mr. B. A. Altintop of the British Consulate-General at Smyrna (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,467*),\* contains some interesting extracts from a local paper with regard to the British share in the piece-goods trade of Turkey and the progress of German, French, Italian and United States competition in this trade.

**Import Trade  
in Cotton  
Piece-goods.**

H.M. Consul-General at Baghdad (Major L. S. Newmarch), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that an unexpected result of the Russo-Japanese war was the demand from Tabriz for cotton goods from Hamadan, Mosul and other centres receiving goods from Baghdad. Tabriz has hitherto been supplied with cotton goods direct from the south of Russia. The reduction in the output of cotton goods in Russia compelled Tabriz to apply to Hamadan for a quantity of goods usually furnished by Russia. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,477*.)

**Deflection of the  
Piece-  
goods Trade.**

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\* To be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., price 2*d*.

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 26th August 1905, were as follows:—

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Wheat ... ..  | 27s. 1d. |
| Barley ... .. | 23s. 6d. |
| Oats ... ..   | 15s. 9d. |

For further particulars see p. 426.

Statements are published on pp. 427-8, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the weeks ended the 19th and 26th August, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding weeks of 1904.

### NEW ZEALAND.

The following table, showing the acreage and actual yield of corn crops, grasses, &c., during the three years 1902-03 to 1904-05, has been compiled from official statistics published in a supplement to the "New Zealand Government Gazette":—

| Crop.       | 1902-03. |                             |                | 1903-04. |                             |                | 1904-05. |                             |                |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------------|
|             | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in bushels. | Total bushels. | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in bushels. | Total bushels. | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in bushels. | Total bushels. |
| Wheat*      | 194,355  | 38-37                       | 7,457,915      | 230,346  | 34-26                       | 7,891,654      | 258,015  | 35-36                       | 9,123,673      |
| Oats*       | 483,659  | 45-00                       | 21,766,708     | 391,640  | 38-57                       | 15,107,327     | 342,189  | 42-53                       | 14,553,611     |
| Barley*     | 27,921   | 40-69                       | 1,136,232      | 34,681   | 33-46                       | 1,160,504      | 29,484   | 38-26                       | 1,128,164      |
| Rye*        | 1,279    | 30-00                       | 38,370         | 1,176    | 17-00                       | 19,992         | 1,129    | 28-00                       | 31,612         |
| Maize*      | 12,038   | 50-48                       | 607,609        | 11,156   | 47-53                       | 530,291        | 10,084   | 48-63                       | 490,405        |
| Peas*       | 8,600    | 34-96                       | 300,675        | 10,328   | 30-15                       | 311,412        | 11,426   | 33-09                       | 378,195        |
| Beans*      | 3,037    | 29-71                       | 90,346         | 2,646    | 29-64                       | 78,421         | 2,545    | 35-34                       | 89,964         |
|             | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in bushels. | Total bushels. | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in bushels. | Total bushels. | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in bushels. | Total bushels. |
| Rye-grass.  | 27,681   | 20-69                       | 576,931        | 29,350   | 22-43                       | 658,280        | 31,662   | 23-95                       | 758,367        |
|             | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in pounds.  | Total pounds.  | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in pounds.  | Total pounds.  | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in pounds.  | Total pounds.  |
| Cocksfoot.  | 27,684   | 243-39                      | 6,786,844      | 29,590   | 176-70                      | 5,228,572      | 39,707   | 223-90                      | 8,890,775      |
|             | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in tons.    | Total tons.    | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in tons.    | Total tons.    | Acres.   | Yield per acre, in tons.    | Total tons.    |
| Potatoes... | 31,408   | 6-15                        | 193,267        | 31,778   | 6-57                        | 208,787        | 26,331   | 5-11                        | 134,606        |

\* For threshing only.

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*Agriculture.*

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**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

**Bosnian Plum Crop.** H.M. Consul-General at Sarajevo (Mr. E. B. Freeman, I.S.O.), reports that the plum crop this year in Bosnia will be a very inferior one in quantity, but the fruit is said to be of good size. It is estimated that there will not be more than 8,000 metric tons of the dried fruit available for exportation.

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**CUBA.**

**Cotton Cultivation frustrated by Boll Weevil.** H.M. Minister at Havana (Mr. L. E. G. Carden), in a report recently issued by the Foreign Office, states that the hopes which had been entertained that Cuba might become a large cotton-producing country, which certainly appeared to be warranted by the excellent quality of the fibre and the ease with which it was propagated, have been entirely destroyed by the appearance of the boll weevil in almost every place where experimental crops had been raised. It is now said, adds Mr. Carden, that it is a native of Cuba, and that the attempt to grow cotton here during the American civil war was abandoned on account of its depredations. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,484.*)

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**MISCELLANEOUS.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

**Cotton Statistics.** The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 24th August, 1905, was 70,912 (including 25 bales British West Indian, and 203 bales British West African), the number imported during the 34 weeks ended the 24th August was 2,675,554 (including 3,790 bales British West Indian and 2,733 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 24th August, 1905, 14,998 bales, and for the 34 weeks, 278,030.

For further details see p. 426.

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**GERMANY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Bremerhaven (Mr. F. A. Oliver), in a recent report to the Foreign Office on the German sea-fishing industry and trade, writes as follows:—

“As the question of the increase in demand for fish in Germany is of importance for the British fishing trade and industry, since over 40 per cent. of the fish imported into Germany is British-

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caught fish, the following statistics (given by the German Sea-Fishery Association) will perhaps be of interest. In 1880, when the bulk of the fish consumed in Germany was fresh water fish, the consumption in Prussia per head of the population was 1·1 lb. . . . . But in 1901 the consumption of fish in Prussia had risen to about 6 lbs. per head, and this increase is no doubt entirely due to the increase in the consumption of sea fish."

The following table, compiled from statistics given in Mr. Oliver's report, shows the total quantity and value of fresh fish and of cured herrings imported into Germany during the years 1902 and 1903, and also the share, in each case, contributed by the United Kingdom :—

|                                    | 1902.     |           | 1903.     |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                    | Quantity. | Value.    | 1903.     | 1903.     |
| <b>Fresh Fish—</b>                 | Cwts.     | £         | Cwts.     | £         |
| Total imports ... ..               | 1,402,756 | 1,389,922 | 1,469,366 | 1,392,534 |
| Imports from United Kingdom ... .. | 631,889   | 445,317   | 583,035   | 374,341   |
| <b>Cured Herrings—</b>             | Barrels.  | £         | Barrels.  | £         |
| Total imports ... ..               | 1,577,379 | 2,433,805 | 1,454,855 | 1,758,682 |
| Imports from United Kingdom ... .. | 766,547   | 1,176,683 | 601,040   | 765,317   |

By far the greater part of the fresh fish landed at Hamburg and Cuxhaven, says Mr. Oliver, is British-caught fish; after the United Kingdom, Norway supplies the largest share, and of late years the competition of the United States has become appreciable. (*Foreign Office, Miscellaneous Series, 636.*)

**BELGIUM.**

The Board of Trade have received a prospectus of the "Congrès International Economique Congress at Mons. Internationale d'Expansion Economique Mondiale," to be held at Mons on the 24th September next, the object of which is to discuss economic problems. (See p. 35 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 6th April last.)

**FRANCE.**

H.M. Consul-General at Marseilles (Mr. M. C. Gurney), in a recent report to the Foreign Office, states that oil cake continues to be scarce and dear, and oil crushers have altogether withdrawn from sales for forward delivery, being unable to cover themselves in seeds in absence of offers from India.

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African groundnuts had suffered much in quality owing to rain, and could only be worked on a limited scale, the oil, used for eating purposes, turning out quite inferior in quality, the seed being rotted by wet.

The output of oil cake was therefore very small, and the high prices asked left no margin for exportation.

In like manner the groundnut huskmeal, made out of the shells of the African groundnut, has severely suffered. Business in this article has been practically nil. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,482.*)

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**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

In a despatch to the Foreign Office, Mr. Salvary states that the

**Match Industry  
in Austria.**

Austrian match export in 1904 showed an increase of about 1,400 tons of a value of 25,000*l*.

Many successful trials have lately been made in the East Indies and in several parts of Africa. Although the export into Greece, Roumania, Servia and Bulgaria has practically ceased, Turkey with the rest of the Levant continues to be the principal export ground, whilst in East Asia, Austrian produce, it is said, can no longer compete with the Japanese. The Match Trust includes all the Austrian match manufacturers with one exception.

At present efforts are being made by the Austrian manufacturers to import their goods also into England.

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**CUBA.**

H.M. Minister at Havana (Mr. L. E. G. Carden), in a report recently issued by the Foreign Office (*Annual Series, 3,484*), states that the imports of merchandise into Cuba during the year 1904 show an increase of more than 21 per cent. over those of the previous year.

**Imports by  
Countries.**

In spite of the Reciprocity Treaty between the United States and Cuba, and the preference thereby given to American merchandise, it is satisfactory to observe, says Mr. Carden, that British trade has maintained its position and represents practically the same proportion of the total import trade as it did last year. The United States, Germany and France show a small proportional increase, while the share of Spain and of "Other countries" has fallen off somewhat, the latter due to a decrease in the imports of cattle :—

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| Country.                                      | Value.      |             | Proportion.   |               |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                               | 1903.       | 1904.       | 1903.         | 1904.         |
| United States and possessions...              | £ 5,225,806 | £ 6,803,873 | Per cent. 41½ | Per cent. 44½ |
| United Kingdom and British possessions ... .. | 2,542,845   | 3,057,103   | 20            | 19½           |
| Spain ... ..                                  | 1,822,707   | 1,888,031   | 14½           | 12½           |
| France ... ..                                 | 674,398     | 844,892     | 5½            | 5½            |
| Germany ... ..                                | 495,954     | 718,805     | 4             | 4½            |
| Other countries ... ..                        | 1,931,176   | 2,092,959   | 15½           | 13½           |
| Total... ..                                   | 12,692,886  | 15,405,663  | 100           | 100           |

**URUGUAY.**

A despatch has been received from H.M. Legation at Monte Video transmitting an extract from the "Monte Video Times," showing that the customs receipts for the first six months of the present year amounted to 5,428,940 dols. as compared with 4,265,012 dols. during the corresponding period of 1904—an increase of 1,163,928 dols. (247,644l.).

The increase was achieved mostly in the first three months, the upward movement being checked in June owing to a general strike of labourers at the port, which was only brought to a conclusion early in July.

The following despatch, having reference to the control of the issue of paper money in Uruguay, has been received from H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Monte Video (Mr. A. Peel):—

"The Uruguayan Government has for some time had under consideration the question of restricting the rights accorded to certain foreign banking institutions to issue paper money against a gold reserve. This privilege is at present shared by the London and River Plate Bank and the Italian Bank of Uruguay. Both concessions were for twenty years, but that of the London and River Plate Bank has recently terminated.

"On the 12th July, the President signed a resolution conceding to the London and River Plate Bank the authorisation to continue their operations as a Bank of Discounts and Deposits for a fresh period of twenty years. The Bank, however, will not as hitherto be authorised to issue notes, and I hear that although this will not make much difference to the Bank itself owing to the fact that the expenses are very heavy, there is no little dissatisfaction expressed amongst the commercial community at the prospect



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of the State Bank becoming the only institution having the right to issue paper money, it being feared that there will not be henceforth the same guarantee that the issue of notes which hitherto have always been payable on demand in gold will be kept strictly within the requirements of this market.

**COLOMBIA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 40 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 5th January last, and to that on p. 516 of 17th December last, a despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Bogota (Mr. S. S. Dickson)

transmitting a translation of Law 59 of this year, passed by the National Assembly, regulating the monetary system of Colombia and abrogating that of 1903.

The monetary unit and legal tender of the Republic is the gold dollar, divided into one hundred cents, 1,672 grammes weight and .900 fine. The other coins are :—

| Gold coins.          | Value. | Silver coins.      | Value.        |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------|
|                      | dols.  |                    | cents (gold). |
| Double Condor ... .. | 20     | Half Dollar ... .. | 50            |
| Condor ... ..        | 10     | Peseta ... ..      | 20            |
| Half Condor ... ..   | 5      | Real ... ..        | 10            |

Mr. Dickson remarks that the coinage established under this Law is practically the same as that of the United States of America. Free stipulation is allowed in all contracts; if no special currency is referred to, the gold legal tender, now established, is understood to be the subject of the stipulation. Copper coins are only legal tender up to two shillings for each ten pounds.

Individuals, both native and foreign, are prohibited from importing silver money. The Government is empowered to contract for the minting of coins, by private enterprise, subject to certain conditions, laid down in Article 21 of the Law.

For the conversion of the paper money into metallic currency, certain revenues are to be appropriated.

Mr. Dickson's translation of the Law may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 34 Weeks ended 24th August, 1905 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>24th August,<br>1905. | 34 Weeks<br>ended<br>24th August,<br>1905. | Week ended<br>24th August,<br>1905. | 34 Weeks<br>ended<br>24th August,<br>1905. |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)                |                                            | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)                |                                            |
|                      | No.                                 | No.                                        | No.                                 | No.                                        |
| American ... ..      | 52,893                              | 2,227,110                                  | 8,401                               | 190,970                                    |
| Brazilian ... ..     | 6,004                               | 45,716                                     | —                                   | 549                                        |
| East Indian ... ..   | 1,358                               | 38,932                                     | 610                                 | 10,875                                     |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 10,355                              | 312,744                                    | 5,682                               | 71,278                                     |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 402*                                | 51,052†                                    | 305                                 | 4,358                                      |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>70,912</b>                       | <b>2,675,554</b>                           | <b>14,998</b>                       | <b>278,030.</b>                            |

\* Including 25 bales British West Indian and 203 bales British West African.

† Including 3,790 bales British West Indian and 2,733 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 26th August, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|                                     |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                     |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
| Week ended 26th August, 1905 ... .. |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Corresponding week in—              |  | 27             | 1  | 23      | 6  | 15    | 9  |
| 1898 ... ..                         |  | 28             | 1  | 27      | 8  | 18    | 11 |
| 1899 ... ..                         |  | 25             | 0  | 25      | 10 | 16    | 7  |
| 1900 ... ..                         |  | 28             | 8  | 25      | 2  | 18    | 1  |
| 1901 ... ..                         |  | 27             | 0  | 24      | 3  | 17    | 10 |
| 1902 ... ..                         |  | 31             | 7  | 26      | 2  | 21    | 0  |
| 1903 ... ..                         |  | 30             | 0  | 22      | 3  | 18    | 7  |
| 1904 ... ..                         |  | 29             | 5  | 23      | 2  | 16    | 5  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

## Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 19th August, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|                                                 |            | Week ended<br>19th Aug.,<br>1905. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1904. |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living :—</b>                       |            |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..            | Number.    | 10,418                            | 11,210                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..                          | "          | 3,380                             | 4,309                               |
| Swine ... ..                                    | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..                                   | "          | 70                                | 223                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat :—</b>                            |            |                                   |                                     |
| Beef ... ..                                     | Cwts.      | 116,088                           | 66,385                              |
| Mutton ... ..                                   | "          | 92,698                            | 57,817                              |
| Pork ... ..                                     | "          | 5,521                             | 4,512                               |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat :—</b>              |            |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..                                    | Cwts.      | 108,986                           | 103,258                             |
| Beef ... ..                                     | "          | 8,098                             | 2,288                               |
| Hams ... ..                                     | "          | 85,668                            | 23,192                              |
| Pork ... ..                                     | "          | 8,579                             | 5,661                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh ... ..      | "          | 11,813                            | 11,406                              |
| Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... .. | "          | 16,716                            | 30,745                              |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes :—</b>         |            |                                   |                                     |
| Butter ... ..                                   | Cwts.      | 71,998                            | 81,524                              |
| Margarine ... ..                                | "          | 19,000                            | 17,800                              |
| Cheese ... ..                                   | "          | 77,297                            | 56,844                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..            | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..                                  | "          | 101                               | 51                                  |
| " condensed ... ..                              | "          | 15,748                            | 17,273                              |
| " preserved, other kinds... ..                  | "          | —                                 | 112                                 |
| Eggs ... ..                                     | Grt. Hndr. | 896,893                           | 331,638                             |
| Poultry ... ..                                  | Value £    | 2,185                             | 5,844                               |
| Game ... ..                                     | "          | 286                               | 447                                 |
| Rabbits, dead (not tinned) ... ..               | Cwts.      | 39,241                            | 17,497                              |
| Lard ... ..                                     | "          | 34,869                            | 26,590                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—</b>          |            |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..                                    | Cwts.      | 1,985,900                         | 1,878,800                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..                     | "          | 218,800                           | 157,100                             |
| Barley ... ..                                   | "          | 269,600                           | 257,800                             |
| Oats ... ..                                     | "          | 178,100                           | 239,900                             |
| Peas ... ..                                     | "          | 180,201                           | 16,741                              |
| Beans ... ..                                    | "          | 19,090                            | 90,840                              |
| Maise or Indian corn ... ..                     | "          | 974,800                           | 876,700                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw :—</b>                            |            |                                   |                                     |
| Apples ... ..                                   | Cwts.      | 16,990                            | 30,620                              |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..                     | "          | 281                               | 14                                  |
| Bananas ... ..                                  | Bunches.   | 185,482                           | 109,547                             |
| Cherries ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 14                                | 981                                 |
| Currants... ..                                  | "          | 113                               | 220                                 |
| Gooseberries ... ..                             | "          | —                                 | 20                                  |
| Grapes ... ..                                   | "          | 83,272                            | 41,889                              |
| Lemons ... ..                                   | "          | 2,501                             | 12,731                              |
| Oranges ... ..                                  | "          | 1,050                             | 4,115                               |
| Pears ... ..                                    | "          | 36,876                            | 36,672                              |
| Plums ... ..                                    | "          | 73,067                            | 48,144                              |
| Strawberries ... ..                             | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..                             | "          | 66,691                            | 100,243                             |
| Hay... ..                                       | Tons.      | 2,958                             | 1,544                               |
| Straw ... ..                                    | "          | 1,124                             | 1,462                               |
| Moss Litter. (Not shown in 1904) ... ..         | "          | 1,686                             | —                                   |
| Hops ... ..                                     | Cwts.      | 51                                | 906                                 |
| Locust Beans ... ..                             | "          | 14,040                            | 4,828                               |
| <b>Vegetables, raw :—</b>                       |            |                                   |                                     |
| Onions ... ..                                   | Bushels.   | 129,415                           | 181,018                             |
| Potatoes ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 26,156                            | 56,374                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..                                 | "          | 28,106                            | 43,331                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..                             | Value £    | 8,472                             | 6,188                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried</b>                        |            |                                   |                                     |
| Preserved by canning... ..                      | Cwts.      | 161                               | 140                                 |
|                                                 | "          | 3,651                             | 5,414                               |

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom—(cont.).**  
**Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 26th August, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.**

|                                               |            | Week ended<br>26th Aug.,<br>1905. | Correspond-<br>ing week<br>in 1904. |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living :—</b>                     |            |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves                 | Number     | 15,925                            | 12,940                              |
| Sheep and lambs                               | "          | 8,885                             | 4,801                               |
| Swine                                         | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses                                        | "          | 119                               | 253                                 |
| <b>Fresh meat :—</b>                          |            |                                   |                                     |
| Beef                                          | Cwts.      | 111,957                           | 54,873                              |
| Mutton                                        | "          | 72,144                            | 68,891                              |
| Pork                                          | "          | 5,585                             | 6,711                               |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat :—</b>            |            |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon                                         | Cwts.      | 82,286                            | 111,401                             |
| Beef                                          | "          | 2,777                             | 1,811                               |
| Hams                                          | "          | 26,655                            | 21,840                              |
| Pork                                          | "          | 8,729                             | 4,245                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh           | "          | 9,083                             | 8,975                               |
| Meat, preserved, otherwise than by salting... | "          | 24,881                            | 15,376                              |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes :—</b>       |            |                                   |                                     |
| Butter                                        | Cwts.      | 77,980                            | 90,164                              |
| Margarine                                     | "          | 22,050                            | 22,872                              |
| Cheese                                        | "          | 52,962                            | 75,983                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums                 | "          | —                                 | 1                                   |
| " cream                                       | "          | 109                               | 12                                  |
| " condensed                                   | "          | 14,862                            | 16,540                              |
| " preserved, other kinds...                   | "          | 208                               | 140                                 |
| Eggs                                          | Grt. Hndr. | 508,959                           | 413,167                             |
| Poultry                                       | Value £    | 2,555                             | 2,493                               |
| Game                                          | "          | 810                               | 903                                 |
| Rabbits, dead (not tinned)                    | Cwts.      | 14,087                            | 14,577                              |
| Lard                                          | "          | 84,801                            | 25,593                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal and flour :—</b>         |            |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat                                         | Cwts.      | 2,289,700                         | 2,408,400                           |
| Wheat-meal and flour...                       | "          | 147,800                           | 201,500                             |
| Barley                                        | "          | 278,600                           | 477,600                             |
| Oats...                                       | "          | 821,500                           | 289,000                             |
| Peas                                          | "          | 46,979                            | 80,190                              |
| Beans                                         | "          | 28,400                            | 35,510                              |
| Maize or Indian corn                          | "          | 1,475,200                         | 863,900                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw :—</b>                          |            |                                   |                                     |
| Apples                                        | Cwts.      | 14,598                            | 27,244                              |
| Apricots and peaches                          | "          | 58                                | 170                                 |
| Bananas                                       | Bunches    | 159,844                           | 83,013                              |
| Cherries                                      | Cwts.      | —                                 | —                                   |
| Currants...                                   | "          | 266                               | 35                                  |
| Gooseberries                                  | "          | 26                                | —                                   |
| Grapes                                        | "          | 22,861                            | 19,985                              |
| Lemons                                        | "          | 15,658                            | 13,540                              |
| Oranges                                       | "          | 287                               | 3,657                               |
| Pears                                         | "          | 39,890                            | 54,362                              |
| Plums                                         | "          | 45,011                            | 43,556                              |
| Strawberries                                  | "          | —                                 | 24                                  |
| Unenumerated                                  | "          | 24,415                            | 35,845                              |
| Hay...                                        | Tons       | 2,483                             | 3,072                               |
| Straw                                         | "          | 1,674                             | 1,989                               |
| Moss Litter. (Not shown in 1904)              | "          | 1,571                             | —                                   |
| Hops                                          | Cwts.      | 874                               | 1,912                               |
| Locust beans                                  | "          | 8,420                             | 8,000                               |
| <b>Vegetables, raw :—</b>                     |            |                                   |                                     |
| Onions                                        | Bushels    | 158,098                           | 115,208                             |
| Potatoes...                                   | Cwts.      | 22,096                            | 78,335                              |
| Tomatoes                                      | "          | 88,284                            | 37,198                              |
| Unenumerated                                  | Value £    | 7,280                             | 4,723                               |
| Vegetables, dried...                          | Cwts.      | 1,585                             | 1,491                               |
| Preserved by canning...                       | "          | 8,746                             | 4,628                               |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of July, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. 1d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

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The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the August issue:—State of the Labour Market in July; Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration in 1904; Public Relief to the Aged, Infirm and Incurable in France; Recent Conciliation Cases.

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Gross revenue for 1905 is estimated at 133,059,884*l.*, the recurring expenditure at 123,318,282*l.*, and the extraordinary expenditure at 9,741,602*l.*

Tables showing details of revenue and expenditure.

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Attempted Government purchase of the Hibernia mine.

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Signs of revival in industry and commerce are apparent.

Development of State railways: 115 miles of new lines opened to traffic during the year.

Details of chief minerals: coal, iron ore, graphite, silver and gold.

Large sums to be expended on waterways during the next three years.

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General improvement in trade and commerce.

Statistics of shipping since 1895, with special reference to British shipping.

Details of the industrial development of Leghorn, with account of the principal commercial establishments.

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Detailed examination of imports and exports for both years.

Hindrances to trade caused by the insecurity of the caravan routes to the Central Soudan.

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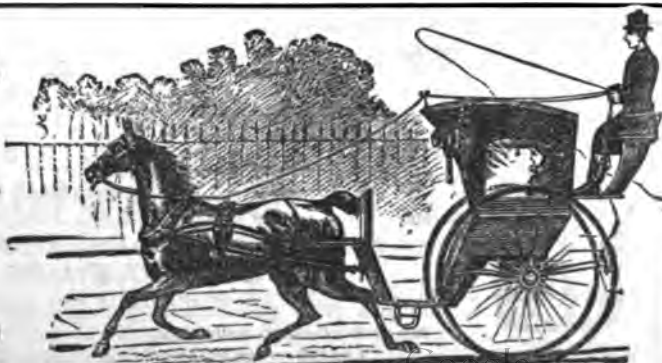
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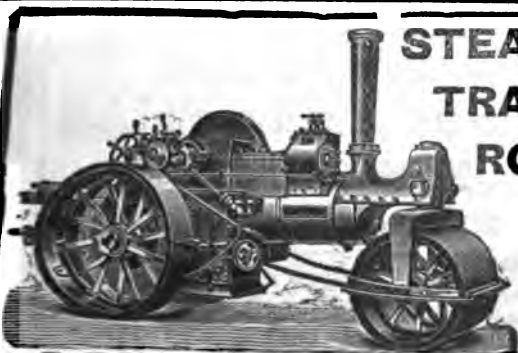
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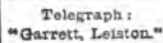
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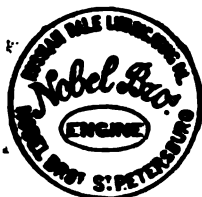
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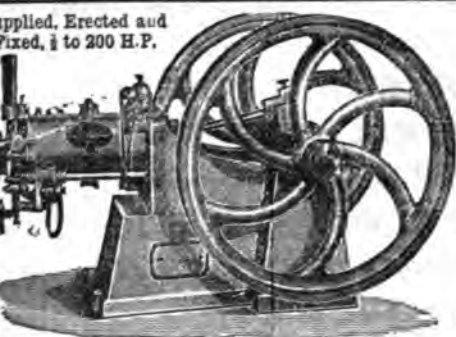
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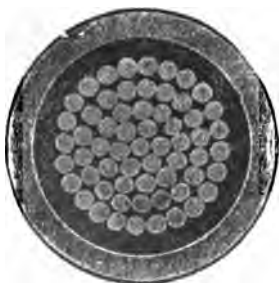
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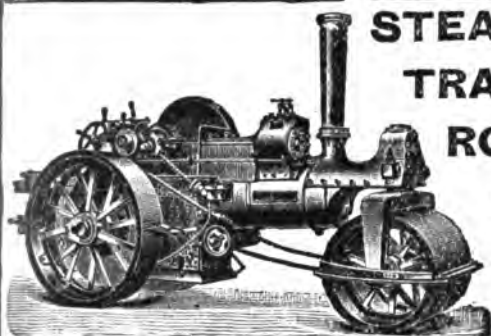
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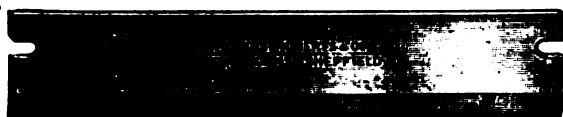
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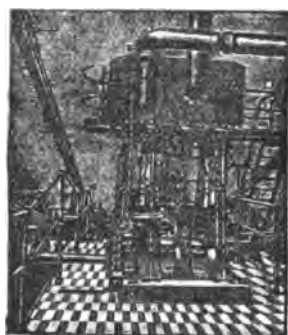
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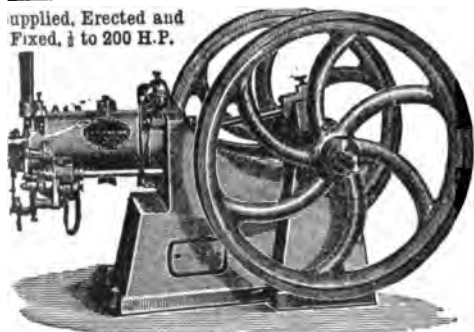
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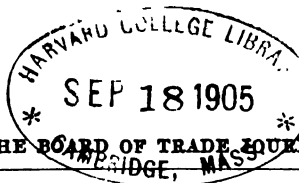
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The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 479.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore, received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 480.

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### OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

#### BRITISH INDIA.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of:—

Steel Fishplates,

1. Steel fishplates,

Bolts and Nuts.

2. Steel fishbolts and nuts,

as per specifications, to be seen at the Company's offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C.

### *Openings for British Trade.*

#### **BRITISH INDIA**—*continued.*

Tenders are to be sent to C. W. Young, Esq., Secretary, marked "Tender for Fishplates," or as the case may be, not later than 12 o'clock noon, on the 13th September.

The Company reserve to themselves the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

The Board of Directors of the Burma Railways Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for—

#### **Bridgework.**

36 spans of deck bridges.

Specifications and forms of tender can be obtained at the Company's Offices, 76, Gresham House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.

For each specification a fee of 10*s.* will be charged, which will not be returned.

Tenders enclosed in sealed envelopes and marked "Tender for Bridgework," must be delivered not later than noon on the 19th September.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

#### **CANADA.**

The following were among the recent enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Enquiries relating Offices, 17, Victoria Street, S.W., whence further to Canadian Trade. information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Home Enquiries.**—A London firm, who are exporters of a well-known anti-friction metal and who are also able to manufacture anti-friction metals to any given specification, desire to correspond with a responsible firm in Canada, with a view to having their products thoroughly marketed in that country.

A firm of engineers have asked to be placed in communication with manufacturers of wood handles in Canada.

Enquiry is made for the names of Canadian exporters of laths or battens for packing oakum bales. The sizes of the laths required are 25½ in. long by 1½ in. wide by ¾ in. thick. Quantity 100,000 a year in four lots of 25,000 per lot. Made up in bundles of 100 to the bundle.

A gentleman contemplating settling in Canada would like to hear from British firms in the liquor, provision and hardware trades desirous of appointing an agent in the Dominion.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

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#### **CANADA—continued.**

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Enquiries relating to Canadian Trade** Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Home Enquiries.**—A London firm wish to develop trade in Canada in cotton, woollen, jute, flax, hemp and linen goods.

The manufacturer of a special boiler fluid wishes to have it introduced to the Canadian market.

A manufacturer of polishing cloths wishes to do business in Canada.

**Canadian Enquiries.**—A commission agent in St. John, New Brunswick, is prepared to represent British manufacturers of builders' materials, fire brick and clay, tiles and specialities. United Kingdom references.

Enquiry is made for the names of British manufacturers of collapsible tin tubes.

A Montreal manufacturers' agent would be pleased to represent Leeds and Bradford manufacturers of cheap and medium woollens, also a manufacturer of men's fancy woollens from the Huddersfield district.

A correspondent in Hamilton possessing a connection among Canadian manufacturers wishes to act as buying agent on commission for United Kingdom importers.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **SOUTH AFRICA.**

The Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Administration of the Central South African Railways, invite tenders for the supply of 150,000 hardwood sleepers, of either approved Jarrah, Karri, Djatti, Queensland, or New South Wales hardwoods.

Specification and conditions of contract (containing form of tender) can be obtained on application at the office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., on and after Monday, 11th September, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), on payment of a deposit of 1*l.* per copy, which will be returned on receipt of a *bona-fide* tender for the whole or any portion of the sleepers required.

Tenders to be delivered in sealed envelopes addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, S.W., not later than noon, Monday, 18th September, endorsed "Tender for Sleepers C.S.A.R."

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The successful tenderer will be required to find sufficient sureties as security for the satisfactory performance of the contract, in accordance with Clause 25 of the specification.

The Crown Agents do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**TRANSVAAL.**

The Municipal Council of Johannesburg are prepared to receive tenders for three steel wagons for mounting on standard 4-wheel electric tramway trucks provided (with all electric equipment) under another contract.

**Steel Wagons.**

Copies of the specification may be seen on and after 8th September at the offices of the Council's Consulting Engineers, 82, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., and may be obtained from them on payment of One Guinea, which will be returned on receipt of a *bond-fide* tender.

Tenders are to be addressed to Messrs. Mordey & Dawbarn, 82, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., and must reach them not later than noon on Monday, 18th September, 1905.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and will not be responsible for the cost of tendering.

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**RUSSIA.**

The British Commercial Agent at Moscow (Mr. H. Cooke) states that, according to the official "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" of St. Petersburg of August 14th/27th, the Special Commission of the Ministry of Ways appointed to consider the question of the increase of the rolling stock of the Russian Railways, has recommended for the present an immediate order of 8,800 new wagons (the word may mean passenger carriages or trucks), the works undertaking the order being obliged to deliver them not later than the beginning of next year. Orders for locomotives will for the present be limited to the full number that the works can turn out before the close of the present year.

A special Commission will meet on 1st November to consider the whole question of the insufficiency of rolling stock, especially noticeable at the present time. One of the causes of the insufficiency is the difficulty of the return of trucks despatched from European-Russian lines to Siberia. It is proposed in this connection to make use of the line now in course of construction from Viatka to Vologda, whence trucks can be despatched either to Moscow or St. Petersburg, thus relieving the single line from Cheliabinsk to Samara, part of the present route to and from Siberia.

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**RUSSIA**—*continued.*

The "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" of 12th/25th August states that a special Commission of the Ministry of Ways is now considering the question of substituting the locomotive by a new motor, provided with the Diesel mechanism, the Commission being authorised to introduce it as soon as possible on Russian railways with a view to increase the carriage capacity of the railway system, and so diminish the blocks in the grain traffic.

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**NORWAY.**

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by H.M. Consul-General at Christiana (Viscount Melville) that tenders are invited by the Norwegian State Railway authorities for the supply and erection of a three-span bridge on the Drammen and Randsfjord railway, including the taking down of the present Dødvikfjors bridge.

Tenders should be addressed to "Styrelsens Expeditions Montor. Statsbanerne, Christiania," where they should be received not later than 3 p.m. on the 15th September.

A set of 25 drawings relating to the contract can be obtained at the rate of 50 öre (nearly 7d. each), on direct application to "Statsbanernes Hovedkasserer, Jernbanetorget No. 1, Christiania." Applications should be accompanied by a sufficient remittance (about 14s. for the set).

The Consul-General encloses the following papers relating to the contracts, which he has received from the railway authorities:— (1) Copy of advertisement of 28th August, 1905; (2) copy of special conditions; (3) extract of plan for rebuilding the bridge; (4) working plan (drawing) for the same; (5) form of tender; (6) general regulations; (7) conditions for delivering iron and steel bridges, &c. These may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.), together with a copy of the general rules which apply to all tenders for the Norwegian State Railways.

It should be noted that by Section 16 of these rules, tenders from persons who do not reside in Norway will only be received through some one resident in the country. British firms must therefore name a person resident in Norway to deal with the authorities on their behalf.

Apart from the usual Customs duties a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers.

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### *Openings for British Trade.*

#### NETHERLANDS.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, have been notified by H.M. Consul at Amsterdam **Railway Material.** (Mr. W. C. Robinson), that the Netherlands Minister for the Colonies will receive tenders for the supply of the following material :—

Contract No. 401.—154 sets of traction and buffer arrangements with appurtenances, 100 separate traction-hooks, 280 traction bolts with chains, 100 separate buffers for railway carriages and wagons, and 58 bars of iron for buffer-bars.

Contract No. 402.—100 separate axles without wheels, 230 unfinished bandages for railway wagon wheels.

Contract No. 403.—Steel springs for carriages and wagons.

Tenders must be handed in at the Colonial Office, The Hague (Technical Bureau) before 12 noon, 27th September.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Mart. Nijhoff. The Hague, on payment of fl.1.50 (2s. 6d.) for Contracts Nos. 401 and 403, and fl. 1 (1s. 8d.) for Contract No. 402.

#### ITALY.

The British Vice-Consul at Leghorn (Mr. M. Carmichael), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, after referring to the industrial development in his district and to the facilities for the establishment of further manufactories, remarks that British manufacturers who may be contemplating establishing branch works in foreign countries may find it worth their while to enquire more closely into the advantages which Leghorn offers, while the present favourable economic conditions continue to last.

German, French, Belgian, Swiss, Milanese and Genoese capital, says Mr. Carmichael, is readily found to float all these new industries, but so far as he is aware no British capital is employed in the present rapid industrial development of the town. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,487.)

#### AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.

H.M. Consul at Prague (Captain A. Wentworth Forbes) reports that during the next three years the following

**Canal Works.** sums are to be expended in Bohemia on improving its waterways:—For making the River Moldau navigable in that part which flows through the city of Prague, 625,000*l.*; and for the continuation of the present work on the River Elbe, 600,000*l.*; of these sums 521,000*l.* are available for work to be done in 1906. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,486.)

## *Openings for British Trade.*

### TURKEY-CRETE.

The Acting British Vice-Consul at Candia (Mr. Calocherino) reports that the construction of the new **Harbour Works.** harbour at that port is estimated to cost 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 frs. (160,000*l.* to 200,000*l.*), for which a surtax of 1½ per cent. is imposed on imports and exports. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,494.*)

### TUNIS.

H.M. Consul-General at Tunis (Mr. E. J. L. Berkeley, C.B.) reports that the question of bringing Bizerta into closer active touch with the coast towns and agricultural region lying to its west has been continuously agitated in the last few years. According to the British Pro-Consul attached to the Consulate General (Mr. William Leonardi), three projects have been submitted to the Government:—(1) A line to connect Nefzas, Beja and Mateur, to be undertaken by the Government and at their expense; (2) A line to connect Bizerta, Nefzas, Souk-el-Khemis and Nebeur, and to ultimately join the line (which will shortly be completed) between Pont du Fahs and Kef; (3) A line to connect Bizerta, Nezzas, Tabarca and La Calle. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,492.*)

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A despatch has been received from H.M. Consul at Chicago (Mr. A. Finn) stating that one of the principal results of a journey round his district is a conviction that there is a very large field in the United States for the sale of Indian and **Indian and Ceylon Teas at Chicago.** Ceylon teas. With proper propaganda and management the sale should easily be increased at least twenty-fold the present amount disposed of there.

In the report of H.M. Consul at Boston (Capt. W. Wyndham), it is stated, in connection with the import of **Mackerel.** mackerel into Boston, that weights are not sufficiently carefully attended to, and buyers consequently buy through commission agents so as to be able to recover for inequality of weights and condition of fish. It is recommended that barrels be used for packing, as fish is often spoiled through improper packing.

"There is an increasing demand for preserves," Capt. Wyndham continues, "and particularly for orange marmalade, which sells well. The leading manufacturers in the United Kingdom, however, do not appear to push their wares, as some of the best known marks are not always to be found."

### *Openings for British Trade.*

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

"The sale of tea was fairly good, and there is a good opening for Indian and Ceylon teas. The latter appears to gain in favour, but dealers seem to be disinclined to handle teas put up in tins in 1 lb. packages. Japan tea leads in the market, the importations for 1904 from Japan amounted to 873,544 lbs. as against 711,292 lbs. from China and 448,924 lbs. from India and Ceylon.

"The increase in the use of Scotch whiskey is very marked, and it is to some extent displacing wine in clubs and restaurants where formerly wine was ordered. Scotch whiskey sells better and is more advertised than Irish whiskey.

"The importation of wool increased last year. The total foreign wools amounted to 242,108 bales or bags containing 112,058,782 lbs. In 1903 only 189,231 bales, or bags with 95,544,448 lbs., were imported." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,489.*)

#### **MEXICO.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico of 5th August notifies an application from Señor Francisco A. Osorio for the appropriation of 3,000 litres of water per second from the River Blanco, district of Ixmiquilpan, State of Hidalgo, for the production of motive power.

The "Diario" of the 18th August notifies a similar application by Señor Pedro Antonio Felguerez for the appropriation of 100 litres of water per second from the River San Andrés in the municipality of San Andrés del Tel, State of Zacatecas, for the production of motive power.

#### **PANAMA.**

The Board of Trade have received from H.M. Acting Consul-General at New York (Mr. C. Clive Bayley) copies of a notice issued from the office of the General Purchasing Officer at Washington, for the Isthmian Canal Commission, calling for tenders for the supply of (No. 268) 20,000 barrels of Portland cement to be used on the Panama Canal.

Sealed tenders in triplicate addressed to the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on the 12th September, 1905.

Specifications and full information may be obtained from the General Purchasing Officer at Washington. Copies of the tender form and specifications may be examined at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).



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**CHILE.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Chile, of the 8th July, contains a decree granting Don Teodoro Van de Wingar a concession for the construction and working for the term of 10 years of an electric railway between Santiago, Renca, and Quilicura.

**Electric Railway Plant.**

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**PERU.**

H.M. Consul-General at Callao (Mr. A. St. John, C.M.G.), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that a bank established in Lima, with branches throughout the country, even in remote and small places, would probably be successful.

**Bank.**

Mr. St. John reports that the Peruvian Government are now prepared to guarantee 6 per cent. on the capital which may be invested in a dock at Callao, capable of lifting from 10,000 to 12,000 tons.

**Floating Dock.**

One of the shipping dues actually levied will be devoted to that service, and, if necessary, its collection will be placed in the hands of the dock company.

On the subject of ways of communication, Mr. St. John writes:—

"The Peruvian Corporation have undertaken to build the first sections of the new railway extensions from Oroya to Huancayo and from Sicuani to Cuzco. They are acting as contractors for the Government. The work is advancing rapidly. The total length of these lines will be as follows:—From Oroya to Huancayo, 75 miles; from Sicuani to Cuzco, 90 miles. A railway from Chimbote to Recuay, a most important mining district, has been commenced."

Numerous other railways are projected.

"The Lima horse tramways," he continues, "are about to be converted into electric tramways, and a new company has been formed for the construction of another electric tramway between Lima and Chorrillos. British manufacturers are still neglecting this important branch of trade with Peru."

**Electric Tramway Material.**

The plans for the new palace at Lima have been approved. The construction of the theatre, which will cost 50,000*l.*, will be undertaken before long. British builders and others who may be interested in these works will be furnished with full particulars on application to His Majesty's Legation.

**Government Palace and Theatre.**

A good deal of wire will be required, states Mr. St. John, for fencing in an area of about 130 square miles, recently acquired by a British firm for sheep farming. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,491.*)

**Wire.**

### *Openings for British Trade.*

#### **BRAZIL.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Brazil of the 10th August contains a Decree authorising the expenditure of 600,000 milreis (about 67,500*l.*) by the Ministry of Industry, Ways of Communication and Public Works, for the purpose of widening the gauge of the Central Railway of Brazil between Taubate and S. Paulo.

##### **Railway Plant.**

#### **PERSIA.**

In the report on the trade of Khorasan for 1903-04, published as a supplement to the "Gazette of India," it is stated that there is undoubtedly a good opening in Khorasan for the exportation of wool, *via* Russia, for the English markets, the principal drawback being the system of having to make advances to the wool producers, and the risk thereby entailed of their defaulting. This refers especially to Afghans, the main suppliers of wool.

##### **Export of Wool.**

The report further states that a tannery would probably pay well in Khorasan.

##### **Tannery.**

#### **JAPAN-FORMOSA.**

H.M. Consul at Tainan (Mr. A. E. Wileman), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, writes as follows on the subject of openings for British trade in Formosa:—

"Pumps of a large capacity for low lifts, say under 30 feet but chiefly about 10 feet, and requiring low power for run, especially those for kerosene engines, will, in the near future, find a market for irrigation purposes. They should, however, be simple in construction and easily handled. The extensive cultivation of rice and the great increase in the planting of the Lahanna sugar cane (*i.e.*, rose bamboo, a Hawaiian cane introduced by the Formosan Government some years ago), both of which require abundant supplies of water, will probably tend to increase the demand for irrigation pumps. The contemplated establishment of a Government rice inspection office will also later on cause a demand for machinery to rake out dirt and paddy from the rice paddy sifting machinery.

##### **Pumps.**

"The annual rice crop is very much larger than the sugar crop, and the want of capital is at present the great obstacle to the establishment of both rice and sugar mills of a large capacity. From this fact it may be inferred that foreign capital is greatly required. Interest ranges from 18 to 36 per cent. according to the nature of

##### **Capital.**

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**JAPAN—FORMOSA—continued.**

the security offered, the latter rate being charged for unsecured advances. . . . In course of time, . . . it is to be hoped that the natives will learn the advantages of joint stock companies as they have shown a special aptitude in adopting new ideas when proved successful.

"Small, light, portable rails, from 9 to 14 lbs., will meet with a fair demand, chiefly for the transport of cane  
**Light Rails.** from the fields to the sugar mills, and later on for the purpose of acting as feeders to the main artery of the railway running through Formosa.

"Strong, light carts, with tyres adapted for use in very rough country, will also find a ready sale, provided  
**Light Carts.** that samples are actually shown on the spot working in a serviceable manner."

Mr. Wileman states that motors of all kinds will have a good future in Formosa, but only those which are simple and easy of transport. The means of transport, in cases where the railway is not available, do not allow of packages exceeding 1,000 lbs. in weight. "Boilers," he continues, "should be portable, and as water is bad and coal is not produced, they should be provided with a furnace for burning paddy husk, if for rice mills, and a bagasse furnace if intended for sugar mills. In any case the enforced consumption of very inferior coal, or of wood, should be provided against.

"Kerosene engines of simple and reliable construction will find a ready sale, but hitherto the imports of British  
**Kerosene Engines.** makes do not seem to have enhanced the reputation of their manufacturers. . . .

"There is a fair quantity of wheat produced, but so far no flour mills, even of the simplest construction, have been erected. As the duty on flour has increased, some of the owners of small sugar mills will probably direct their attention to producing flour during the slack sugar season. At present and for the next few years only mills of the simplest construction will be required.

"In view of the increased number of sugar mills now being erected there will soon be a regular trade in mill  
**Mill Stores.** stores.

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#### **JAPAN—FORMOSA—continued.**

"It is possible," adds Mr. Wileman, "that a branch mountain railway may be constructed running from either Kagi or Dabyō to Mount Arizan within the savage border. This, however, has as yet not been finally decided upon, but the country lying between Kagi and Arizan and Dabyō and Arizan is being surveyed." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,490.*)

#### **NOTICES UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1904.**

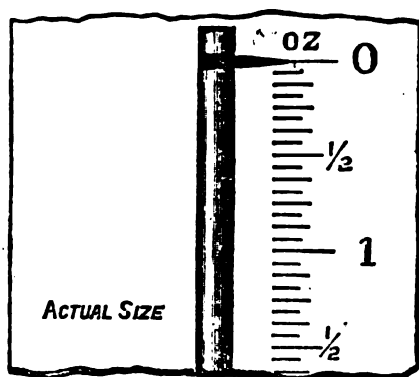
The following are copies of Notices (Nos. 13 and 14) giving the results of the examination and testing of certain patterns of weighing instruments, &c., for use in trade, which have been submitted to the Board of Trade under the provisions of Section 6 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904:—



The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a measuring instrument of the capacity of one gill (combined

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measure and funnel) of the form herewith shown, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, but as the result of the examination was not satisfactory, the Board have declined to issue a certificate of approval.



The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a weighing instrument of the form herewith shown, known as a vertical spring-balance with a pan, and with no detachable parts; of the maximum capacity of 10 lbs., and having the scale marked into ounces as above shown, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, and have issued a certificate that the pattern is not such as to facilitate the perpetration of fraud.

## BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

**Marseilles.**—H.M. Consul-General at Marseilles (Mr. M. C. Gurney), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, offers to seek and supply commercial information to any enquirer who will put the enquiry in the shape of a set of definite questions, and make the application through the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade. The reason for this is that much information as to local trade has been supplied to this Branch, and an answer in many cases could thus be rapidly obtained. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,482.*)

**Madeira.**—H.M. Consul at Madeira (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) reports that though still comparatively small in volume, imports from France into Madeira in 1904 show a higher rate of increase than those of any other country, having doubled themselves in the last eight years. This is to a great extent due to the fact that French houses send their travellers regularly to Madeira, and thus obtain orders which might equally well be secured by their less energetic rivals, if only they would follow their example. German commercial travellers also frequently call, but no British firm appears to think it worth its while to send a representative to pick up some of the ever-increasing trade of the island. Other causes may have been at work, but the fact remains that, whereas imports from France have increased in eight years by as much as 100 per cent., and imports from Germany by 80 per cent., British trade with Madeira only shows a growth of 68 per cent.

The United Kingdom still holds her own against her principal competitor, Germany, in cutlery, tools, groceries and dry goods. On the other hand, German glassware, being cheaper, is largely in demand, though mostly of indifferent quality; and the same thing applies to wire for use in vine culture and to paper of various kinds, but chiefly of the lower grades. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,475.*)

**Portland, Maine.**—The British Vice-Consul at Portland, Maine (Mr. J. B. Keating), in his last report, writes as follows:—

“Notwithstanding the repeated appeal to the Maine wholesale dealers, very few avail themselves of the opportunity and advantage of direct importation, and a large proportion of imported goods distributed throughout this State are entered at Boston or New York, principally the former. . . . To remedy this the merchants in Portland could, however, buy their goods conditional on a direct shipment to this port, and it seems to me that this would be at once insisted upon if the exporters, seeking to increase their output, would take into consideration the greater amount of time it necessarily takes to receive goods *via* Boston, the extra cost of transshipment at the city of Boston and the additional rail or boat expenses to Portland. British exporters could, I feel sure, invoice their goods at a lower price or at the very least they would enable the distributor to sell British manufactures either at a lower price

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or at a greater margin of profit, and thus more successfully compete with other importers and wholesale dealers." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,489.)

**Tunis.**—According to the report of H.M. Consul-General at Tunis (Mr. E. J. L. Berkeley, C.B.) for 1904, the imports from the United Kingdom into the Regency show a decrease on 1903 of over 60,000*l.*, but still the total is in excess of that for 1902. This is due to a great extent to a reduction (31,000*l.*) in 1904 in the purchase of British cotton fabrics, whereas imports from France largely increased, and Algeria, Italy, and Belgium all improved their business. But it may be mentioned that a good deal of this and other foreign business is done on what would seem to be terms of rather elastic credit. Coal shows a slight decrease, which, however, is balanced by an improvement in the sale of machinery. Meanwhile the United Kingdom again increased its purchases in phosphates and zinc ore. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,492.)

**Tainan.**—The following remarks, made to H.M. Consul-General at Tainan (Mr. A. E. Wileman) by an Englishman experienced in the working of rice and sugar mills, and acquainted with the respective merits and demerits of both British and American machinery catalogues, may prove worthy of note by those interested in the subject:—

"In many instances British machinery catalogues are evidently issued only for the use of practical engineers, or for persons having a high technical knowledge, and do not compare favourably with American catalogues, which cater for farmers, contain much fuller and simpler details, and are easier of comprehension by the lay mind.

"It seems desirable that British machinery manufacturers should endeavour to improve their catalogues in a way calculated to remedy this defect and to adapt them to meet two conditions:—

"Firstly, for new markets like Formosa (or, perhaps, even like China) where machinery is but rarely employed. That is to say, for districts where the essential points to be considered are moderate prices and simplicity of construction and design, and where too many technicalities are to be deprecated on account of a possible lack of technical knowledge on the part of buyers.

"Secondly, catalogues for advanced markets, which should contain full technical details of highly finished or expensive machinery for the use of practical engineers and persons acquainted with the technicalities of machinery."

Mr. Wileman adds that many commercial enquiries arrive at his Consulate addressed "British Consul, Tainan, Formosa, China." The correct address is, however, "British Consul, Anping, South Formosa, Japan." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,490.)

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### COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE.

The period of five years for which the Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence was appointed in 1900 having terminated on the 24th May last, the President of the Board of Trade has now appointed a new Committee consisting of the following gentlemen for a further period of three years, to continue the work undertaken by the late Committee :—

Sir F. Forbes Adam, C.I.E.  
The Lord Avebury.  
Sir Alfred Bateman, K.C.M.G.  
Sir Hugh Bell, Bart.  
Mr. H. Birchenough, C.M.G.  
Mr. T. F. Blackwell.  
Mr. F. Brittain.  
Mr. T. Craig-Brown.  
Mr. A. Wilson-Fox, C.B., Board of Trade.  
Mr. C. A. Harris, C.B., C.M.G., Colonial Office.  
Mr. T. W. Holderness, C.S.I., India Office.  
Sir W. H. Holland, M.P.  
Sir Francis Hopwood, K.C.B., C.M.G., Board of Trade.  
Mr. A. Bonar Law, M.P., Board of Trade.  
Mr. Algernon Law, Foreign Office.  
Mr. W. H. Mitchell.  
Sir R. Lloyd Patterson.  
Sir Albert Rollit, M.P.  
Mr. H. Llewellyn Smith, C.B., Board of Trade.  
The Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G.  
Mr. D. A. Thomas, M.P.

Three other members whose names are not yet decided on are to be appointed on the nomination of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to represent South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

The terms of reference of the new Committee are as follows, but pending the consideration by Parliament of the Bill for the creation of Secretaries of State for Trade and Local Government they can only be considered as of a provisional character :—

To advise the Board of Trade on the work of their Commercial Intelligence Branch, and on such matters relating to Foreign Tariffs and other commercial questions as the Board may refer to them.

To improve the means of obtaining and diffusing information for the benefit of British trade by means of commercial missions and correspondents abroad and otherwise as they may think fit.

The Chairman of the Committee will be the President of the Board of Trade.

Mr. U. F. Wintour will act as Secretary to the Committee.



## TRADE OF CAPE COLONY.

With reference to the statement on pp. 210-11 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 3rd August, the "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of the 8th August publishes statistics showing the value of the goods imported into and exported from Cape Colony during the six months ended the 30th June, 1905, as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year, from which the following tables have been prepared:—

## Imports into Cape Colony.\*

| Principal and other Articles.                                                                                | Six Months ended 30th June. |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                                              | 1904.                       | 1905.       |
| Provisions of all kinds ( <i>includes butter, cheese, chicory, coffee, meats, sugar, and tea</i> ) ...       | £ 1,654,000                 | £ 1,615,000 |
| Metals and metal manufactures ( <i>includes iron, lead, machinery, hardware, wire fencing, &amp;c.</i> ) ... | 1,891,000                   | 1,009,000   |
| Corn and grain, &c. ( <i>flour, maize, oats, wheat, and rice</i> ) ...                                       | 821,000                     | 804,000     |
| Haberdashery ...                                                                                             | 695,000                     | 690,000     |
| Cotton manufactures ...                                                                                      | 332,000                     | 490,000     |
| Leather and leather manufactures ( <i>includes boots and shoes, and saddlery and harness</i> )...            | 403,000                     | 482,000     |
| Wearing apparel ( <i>includes hats</i> ) ...                                                                 | 449,000                     | 430,000     |
| Wood, and manufactures of ( <i>includes furniture</i> ) ...                                                  | 745,000                     | 426,000     |
| Stationery ( <i>includes books</i> ) ...                                                                     | 305,000                     | 284,000     |
| Alcoholic beverages ( <i>includes wine, beer, and spirits</i> ) ...                                          | 194,000                     | 182,000     |
| Woollen manufactures ...                                                                                     | 183,000                     | 171,000     |
| Tobacco of all sorts ...                                                                                     | 115,000                     | 131,000     |
| Drugs and chemicals ...                                                                                      | 134,000                     | 130,000     |
| Soap and candles... ..                                                                                       | 123,000                     | 127,000     |
| Animals, living ...                                                                                          | 165,000                     | 118,000     |
| Carts and carriages ( <i>includes bicycles</i> ) ...                                                         | 134,000                     | 111,000     |
| Pipes, iron and earthen ...                                                                                  | 123,000                     | 96,000      |
| Oil, mineral ...                                                                                             | 86,000                      | 96,000      |
| Agricultural implements ...                                                                                  | 110,000                     | 88,000      |
| Coal, coke, and patent fuel ...                                                                              | 110,000                     | 79,000      |
| Jewellery and plated ware ( <i>includes clocks and watches</i> ) ...                                         | 63,000                      | 75,000      |
| Arms and ammunition ( <i>includes dynamite and blasting compound and powder</i> ) ...                        | 91,000                      | 69,000      |
| Confectionery ( <i>includes jams</i> ) ...                                                                   | 59,000                      | 65,000      |
| Bags, all sorts ...                                                                                          | 44,000                      | 54,000      |
| Earthen manufactures ...                                                                                     | 56,000                      | 52,000      |
| Paints, varnish and turpentine... ..                                                                         | 51,000                      | 52,000      |
| Cement ...                                                                                                   | 42,000                      | 48,000      |
| Oilman stores (not edible) ...                                                                               | 33,000                      | 38,000      |
| Linen manufactures ...                                                                                       | 23,000                      | 28,000      |
| All other articles of merchandise ...                                                                        | 1,700,000                   | 1,383,000   |
| Total merchandise ...                                                                                        | £ 10,484,000                | £ 9,423,000 |
| Articles imported for the Colonial Government                                                                | 1,202,000                   | 245,000     |
| Specie ...                                                                                                   | 31,000                      | 175,000     |
| Grand total, imports ...                                                                                     | £ 11,717,000                | £ 9,843,000 |

NOTE.—The official figures of imports into Cape Colony are exclusive of imports by the Imperial Government, but it may be noted that supplies for the Army are still partly contracted for on the spot.

\* Exclusive of imports of diamonds and gold from South African States outside the Colony:—7,618,000*l.* during the first six months of 1904, and 10,485,000*l.* during the same period of 1905.

*Trade of Cape Colony (continued).***Exports from Cape Colony.**

| Principal and other Articles.                 | Six Months ended 30th June. |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
|                                               | 1904.                       | 1905.      |
| Gold (raw) ... ..                             | £ 7,539,000                 | 10,053,000 |
| Diamonds ... ..                               | 2,479,000                   | 2,641,000  |
| Wool (washed, scoured, and in the grease) ... | 1,038,000                   | 981,000    |
| Live animals ... ..                           | 66,000                      | 617,000    |
| Ostrich feathers ... ..                       | 592,000                     | 504,000    |
| Copper ore ... ..                             | 254,000                     | 290,000    |
| Hides and skins ... ..                        | 210,000                     | 256,000    |
| Hair, Angora ... ..                           | 280,000                     | 197,000    |
| All other articles of merchandise ... ..      | 100,000                     | 236,000    |
| Total merchandise ... ..                      | £ 12,558,000                | 15,775,000 |
| Imported goods, re-exported ... ..            | 205,000                     | 247,000    |
| Specie ... ..                                 | 820,000                     | 17,000     |
| Grand total, exports ... ..                   | £ 13,583,000                | 16,039,000 |

In connection with the foregoing the Board of Trade have received from their correspondent in Cape Town (Mr. J. Cattell) statements showing:—(1) The value of merchandise imported at the various ports of the Colony from overseas during the month of July, 1905; (2) Customs dues received at ports from the 1st to the 31st July, 1904 and 1905 respectively; and (3) the balance of goods in bond at the port of Cape Town on 30th June, 1905. These statements may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

**TRADE MARKS ACT, 1905, AND COTTON MARKS.**

The Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce a copy of their "Monthly Record," dated 31st August, containing an article explanatory of the Trade Marks Act, 1905, with special reference to its application to cotton marks, and giving the text of Section 64, commonly described as the Manchester Clause, of the Act.

Among the provisions of this clause to which the "Record" calls attention are: Sub-section (1), which confers a statutory existence and authority to the Manchester Branch of the Trade Marks Registry and creates a chief officer under the style of "Keeper of Cotton Marks"; Sub-section (9), which requires on every application for registration of a cotton mark, a statement of the length of prior user (if any) claimed by the applicant; Sub-section (11) which provides that anyone desirous of adopting a new trade mark for cotton goods can inspect all previous applications from 1875 onwards.

A perusal of this article is likely to be of considerable service to users of British cotton marks everywhere.

## TRADE OF NATAL.

With reference to the notice on pp. 398-9 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st June last, the following tables, showing the value of the import and export trade of Natal (by sea) during the six months ended 30th June, 1905, as compared with the corresponding period of 1904, are based on statistics published in a supplement to the "Natal Government Gazette" of 1st August:—

## Imports.

| Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Six Months ended<br>30th June. |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1904.                          | 1905.       |
| Metals and manufactures of ( <i>includes agricultural implements, hardware, ironmongery, machinery, sewing machines, &amp;c.</i> ) ... ..                                                                                    | £ 799,000                      | £ 724,000   |
| Provisions, exclusive of corn and dairy products ( <i>includes coffee, lard, meats, frozen and preserved, jams, fish, hams and bacon, sugar, tea, vegetables, farinaceous foods, fruits, condiments, salt, &amp;c.</i> ) ... | 798,000                        | 721,000     |
| Apparel, haberdashery, &c. ( <i>includes millinery, hats, hosiery, slops, &amp;c.</i> ) ... ..                                                                                                                               | 496,000                        | 584,000     |
| Corn and grain ( <i>includes rice</i> ) ... ..                                                                                                                                                                               | 483,000                        | 409,000     |
| Dairy products ( <i>includes butter, margarine and ghee, eggs, cheese, and condensed milk</i> ) ... ..                                                                                                                       | 271,000                        | 254,000     |
| Leather and manufactures ( <i>includes saddlery</i> ) ...                                                                                                                                                                    | 163,000                        | 210,000     |
| Wood and manufactures ( <i>includes cabinetware</i> ) ...                                                                                                                                                                    | 338,000                        | 192,000     |
| Beverages ( <i>includes ale, spirits, wine and aerated waters</i> )                                                                                                                                                          | 171,000                        | 166,000     |
| Oilman's stores ( <i>includes oils and paints</i> ) ... ..                                                                                                                                                                   | 117,000                        | 101,000     |
| Stationery ( <i>includes books and paper of all kinds</i> ) ...                                                                                                                                                              | 106,000                        | 104,000     |
| Drugs and chemicals ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 85,000                         | 75,000      |
| Soap and candles ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 77,000                         | 70,000      |
| Woollen manufactures ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 53,000                         | 63,000      |
| Tobacco, raw and manufactured... ..                                                                                                                                                                                          | 58,000                         | 61,000      |
| Bicycles, tricycles, motor cars, &c. ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                  | 48,000                         | 61,000      |
| Cotton manufactures ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 38,000                         | 57,000      |
| Instruments, musical, mathematical and scientific ...                                                                                                                                                                        | 34,000                         | 40,000      |
| Jewellery and plated ware ( <i>includes clocks and watches</i> )                                                                                                                                                             | 33,000                         | 39,000      |
| Glass and glassware ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 37,000                         | 34,000      |
| Cocoa, chocolate and confectionery ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                    | 22,000                         | 29,000      |
| Bags, empty ( <i>except paper and leather bags</i> )... ..                                                                                                                                                                   | 36,000                         | 28,000      |
| Arms and ammunition ( <i>includes blasting compounds</i> )...                                                                                                                                                                | 22,000                         | 26,000      |
| Earthen, china and stone ware and marble ... ..                                                                                                                                                                              | 29,000                         | 23,000      |
| Floorcloth ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 21,000                         | 23,000      |
| Live animals ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 18,000                         | 23,000      |
| Toys and fancy ware ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 18,000                         | 22,000      |
| Carriages and carts ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 34,000                         | 21,000      |
| Railway and tramway material ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                          | 28,000                         | 20,000      |
| Electrical fittings ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 17,000                         | 19,000      |
| Other articles of merchandise ( <i>including goods by foreign parcels post</i> ) ... ..                                                                                                                                      | 454,000                        | 581,000     |
| Total merchandise ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                     | £ 4,904,000                    | £ 4,780,000 |
| Stores for Natal Government ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                           | 377,000                        | 246,000     |
| " " Transvaal Government ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                              | 238,000                        | 1,000       |
| Bullion and specie... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10,000                         | 239,000     |
| Imported as merchandise, but delivered free of duty for military purposes ... ..                                                                                                                                             | 11,000                         | 17,000      |
| Grand total ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                           | £ 5,535,000                    | £ 5,283,000 |

*Trade of Natal (continued).***Exports. (Colonial Produce).**

| Articles.                                 | Six Months ended<br>30th June. |                |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
|                                           | 1904.                          | 1905.          |
|                                           | £                              | £              |
| Wool (sheep's) ... ..                     | 159,000                        | 248,000        |
| Coal (bunker and cargo) ... ..            | 189,000                        | 234,000        |
| Corn and grain ... ..                     | 5,000                          | 57,000         |
| Bark ... ..                               | 58,000                         | 58,000         |
| Horses ... ..                             | *                              | 50,000         |
| Sugar... ..                               | 29,000                         | 40,000         |
| Hair (Angora) ... ..                      | 11,000                         | 19,000         |
| Hides and skins ... ..                    | 10,000                         | 16,000         |
| Fruit, fresh ... ..                       | 8,000                          | 9,000          |
| Matches ... ..                            | 3,000                          | 7,000          |
| Tea ... ..                                | 6,000                          | 6,000          |
| Tobacco ... ..                            | 3,000                          | 4,000          |
| Other articles of Colonial produce ... .. | 14,000                         | 25,000         |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                       | <b>495,000</b>                 | <b>769,000</b> |

\* Under \$90l.

**COTTON IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.**

A statement of the quantity (in cwts.) of cotton consigned to the United Kingdom during the three months ending 30th June, 1905, compared with the corresponding period of 1904:—

| Country whence Consigned.                                   | Three Months<br>ending<br>30th June,<br>1904. | Three Months<br>ending<br>30th June,<br>1905. | Increase (+) or<br>Decrease (-) in<br>1905 as<br>compared with<br>1904. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(A) Consigned from Foreign<br/>Countries—</b>            | Cwts.                                         | Cwts.                                         | Cwts.                                                                   |
| America ... ..                                              | 1,795,601                                     | 4,044,147                                     | + 2,248,546                                                             |
| Brazil ... ..                                               | 50,221                                        | 35,644                                        | — 14,577                                                                |
| Egypt ... ..                                                | 471,549                                       | 647,067                                       | + 175,518                                                               |
| Other countries ... ..                                      | 49,731                                        | 27,849                                        | — 21,882                                                                |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                                         | <b>2,367,102</b>                              | <b>4,754,707</b>                              | <b>+ 2,387,605</b>                                                      |
| <b>(B) Consigned from Places in<br/>the British Empire—</b> |                                               |                                               |                                                                         |
| British East Indies ... ..                                  | 350,250                                       | 50,872                                        | — 299,378                                                               |
| British West Indies ... ..                                  | 3,761                                         | 4,657                                         | + 896                                                                   |
| British West Africa ... ..                                  | 906                                           | 2,540                                         | + 1,634                                                                 |
| British Central Africa ... ..                               | —                                             | 583                                           | + 583                                                                   |
| British East Africa ... ..                                  | —                                             | 59                                            | + 59                                                                    |
| British Guiana and Honduras                                 | —                                             | —                                             | —                                                                       |
| Canada ... ..                                               | —                                             | 5,928                                         | + 5,928                                                                 |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                                         | <b>354,917</b>                                | <b>64,639</b>                                 | <b>— 290,278</b>                                                        |
| <b>Grand total ... ..</b>                                   | <b>2,722,019</b>                              | <b>4,819,346</b>                              | <b>+ 2,097,327</b>                                                      |

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Board of Trade have received from the Newfoundland Government a copy of an Act entitled "The Revenue Act, 1905" (No. 9 of 1905), which came into operation on the 6th June last. The Act under notice repeals "The Revenue Act 1901," as well as Acts No. 26 of 1902, No. 15 of 1903, and No. 17 of 1904, in amendment thereof, and at the same time provides for the re-imposition of Customs duties on articles imported into Newfoundland.

The duties are, for the most part, the same as those previously in force—the principal alterations effected by the new Act being as follows:—

| Articles.                                                          | Import Duties.      |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                    | Old Rates.          | New Rates.          |
| Coal—                                                              |                     |                     |
| When imported into the Port of St. John's—                         |                     |                     |
| Anthracite ... .. Per ton                                          | 1 dol.              | 1 dol.              |
| Other kinds ... .. "                                               | 70 cents.           | 70 cents.           |
| When imported into the Port of Placentia ... .. "                  | 30 "                | } 50 " *            |
| When imported into the Port of Harbour Grace or Carbonear ... .. " | 50 "                |                     |
| When imported at other places ... .. "                             | Free.               |                     |
| Ploughs and harrows (except sulky ploughs)—                        |                     |                     |
| Not patented ... .. "                                              | 20 % <i>ad val.</i> | Free.               |
| When patented ... .. "                                             | 10 % "              |                     |
| Sewing silk ... .. "                                               | 40 % "              | 25 % <i>ad val.</i> |

\* By section 31 of the new Act it is provided that the duties on coal imported at any place other than St. John's, Harbour Grace, Carbonear, and Placentia, shall be remitted and such coal allowed free entry on satisfactory proof to the Collector of Customs that the coal is intended exclusively for domestic use.

The present Act also continues the Excise duties which were levied under "The Revenue Act, 1901," and in addition provides for the imposition of an Excise duty of 28 cents *per lb.* on cigarettes manufactured within the Colony.

### LAGOS.

The Board of Trade have received from the Colonial Secretary at Lagos a copy of an Ordinance (No. 1 of 1905), which came into force on 1st March last, amending "The Customs Tariff Ordinance,

**Amended  
Customs Tariff.**

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

1904" (No. 16 of 1904), respecting the imposition of duties on various articles imported into the Colony and Protectorate of Lagos.

The following duties are imposed on spirits: Rate of Duty.

On brandy, gin, rum, liqueurs, perfumed, medicated and miscellaneous s. d.  
spirits or strong waters, not being sweetened or mixed with any  
article so that the degree of strength cannot be ascertained by Sykes'  
hydrometer, for every imperial gallon not exceeding the strength of  
12½ degrees under proof by such hydrometer ... 3 6

And for every degree or part of a degree in excess of 12½ degrees under  
proof by such hydrometer, an additional duty of ¼d. per imp. gallon.

[*Note*—The duty was previously 3s. per proof gallon, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof.]

On brandy, gin, rum, liqueurs, perfumed, medicated and miscellaneous  
spirits or strong waters, and on any compound containing spirits,  
being sweetened or mixed with any article so that the degree of  
strength cannot be ascertained as aforesaid, per imperial gallon ... 4 0

[*Note*—The duty was previously 3s. per imperial gallon.]

The Ordinance also provides that the Governor may, by Order in Council, direct that in the case of tested spirits the strength shall be ascertained by Tralles' hydrometer in place of Sykes' hydrometer—a strength of 50 per cent. by Tralles' hydrometer being considered as equivalent to a strength of 12½ degrees under proof by Sykes' hydrometer.

Provision is also made for the following additions to the list of articles which are exempt from duty on importation into the Colony and Protectorate of Lagos:—

Oil of any kind imported *bonâ fide* for use as a motor power for engines or machinery of any kind and not for lighting purposes, and subject to any regulations made by the Governor in Council.

Advertisements (in addition to patterns, samples, and post cards) passed as such by the Collector of Customs and subject to any regulations made by the Governor in Council.

Produce—being natural or mineral products of *West Africa*, not otherwise dutiable.

### MAURITIUS.

The Board of Trade have received from the Colonial Secretary at Mauritius a copy of a Proclamation (No. 49 of 1905) dated 22nd July last, notifying that phosphoric acid (solid) and precipitate phosphate (*phosphate précipité*) shall be added to the list of substances which, when imported for use in local manufactures under item 99 (iii.) of Ordinance 17 of 1901, are subject to a duty of 30 cents per 1,000 kilos.

[*NOTE*.—Under Ordinance 21 of 1904 a surcharge of 20 per cent. of the duties leviable is also imposed.]

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**RUSSIA.**

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 355 of the "Journal" for the 24th August, on the subject of the date on which the new Commercial Treaties between Russia and other powers come into operation in Russia, it is to be noted that, according to information received at the Board of Trade through the Foreign Office, the Russian Ministry of Finance have issued a notification to the effect that the new Russian Customs Tariff is to come into force on the 1st March, 1906, with the modifications consequent on the conclusion of the new Commercial Treaty with Germany, and of any further Commercial arrangements that may be concluded before that date.

**SPAIN.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 69 of the "Journal" for the 13th July relative to the prolongation of the Customs *régime* established by the Swiss-Spanish Commercial Treaty of 1892, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Spanish Royal Decree, dated 15th August, specifying the countries to the products of which the duties inscribed in Schedule B of the above-mentioned Treaty (the "minimum" tariff) will continue to be applied until the 1st March, 1906, Great Britain and her Colonies being included in the list. Italian products will enjoy the benefit of this *régime* only until the 21st November next, unless in the meantime a fresh commercial agreement has been concluded between the two countries.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 1st September contains a Royal Decree notifying that the average rate of exchange (premium of exchange on Paris) during the second fortnight in August was 31·95 per cent., and that the corresponding reduction in payment of Customs duties which have to be made in gold during the first fortnight of the present month is to be 24 per cent.

**ITALY.**

The following is a translation of the concluding portion of the schedule of conventional duties to be levied on German imports into Italy under the new Commercial Treaty between Italy and Germany, which is to take effect, as regards imports into Italy, from the 31st March next. [*Continued from p. 410 of the "Journal" for 31st August.*]

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY—continued.**

| Tariff No.    | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Rate of Duty.                |                                                             |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | At present.                  | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Lire Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. | Lire Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                                |
| <i>Ex</i> 274 | Glass and crystal wares—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |                                                             |
| (a)           | Simply blown or moulded, not coloured, neither ground nor cut.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8 50                         | 8 50                                                        |
| (b)           | Coloured, dyed in the paste, ground, emery-ground, and cut ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 15 00                        | 15 00                                                       |
| (c)           | Painted, enamelled, gilt, silvered, or otherwise decorated—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |                                                             |
|               | 1. Wares of hollow glass, white or coloured, simply blown, neither ground, polished, emery-ground, nor cut, silvered inside and even coated externally, wholly or in part, with yellow varnish or with coarsely-painted decorations (globes for gardens, candlesticks, vases, goblets, salt-cellars, and the like) ...                                                                                                                                   | 12 00                        | 12 00                                                       |
|               | 2. Other wares ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 18 00                        | 18 00                                                       |
|               | <i>Notes.</i> —Glass and crystal wares bearing the trade mark or name of the manufactory, and those having a disc of glass or an incision indicating their capacity, are not excluded from No. 274 (a).<br>Wares of glass or crystal simply blown or moulded are dutiable under No. 274 (a), even if the rims, bottoms, or stoppers are ground or polished.<br>Wares of glass or crystal included under No. 274 (b) may be cut either wholly or in part. |                              |                                                             |
| 278           | Glass, crystal and enamel in beads, cut in imitation of gems, or in prisms for chandeliers and other similar wares ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 30 00                        | 30 00                                                       |
|               | <i>Note.</i> —Porcelain beads are included under No. 278.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |                                                             |
| <i>Ad</i> 278 | Glass and porcelain buttons ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 30 00                        | 50 00                                                       |
| <i>Ex</i> 294 | Starch—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |                                                             |
| (a)           | Common, other than of rice ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8 00                         | 8 00                                                        |
| (b)           | Fine, or in boxes ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 15 00                        | 15 00                                                       |
| 305           | Hops ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Free                         | Free                                                        |
| 335           | Stearic acid (including stearine and palmitine) ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8 00                         | 8 00                                                        |
| <i>Ex</i> 348 | Ivory, mother-of-pearl, and tortoiseshell—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                                             |
| (b)           | Manufactured—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                              |                                                             |
|               | 1. Combs and hairpins ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 150 00                       | 150 00                                                      |
|               | 2. Other articles ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 100 00                       | 100 00                                                      |



*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***ITALY—continued.**

| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Rate of Duty.                 |                                                             |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | At Present.                   | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. | Lire. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                               |
| 352        | Small wares—                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |                                                             |
| (a)        | Common—                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                                                             |
|            | 1. Small wares of glass ...                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 60 00                         | 60 00                                                       |
|            | 2. Other, including toys of all sorts (dolls included) ...                                                                                                                                                                       | 100 00†<br>75 00‡<br>80 00*   | 80 00                                                       |
| (b)        | Fine—                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |                                                             |
|            | 1. Small wares of glass... ...                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 60 00                         | 60 00                                                       |
|            | 2. In which leather of all kinds, including Russian leather, predominates ...                                                                                                                                                    | 120 00                        | 120 00                                                      |
|            | 3. Other, including toys of all kinds (dolls included) ...                                                                                                                                                                       | 200 00†<br>150 00*            | 150 00                                                      |
|            | <i>Note.</i> —Letter-cases, purses, cigar-cases, note-books, and similar articles of leather of any kind, including Russia leather, mounted with common metals, neither gilt nor silvered, are classified as common small wares. |                               |                                                             |
|            | Are likewise classified as common small wares, albums, covered or ornamented with leather or with stuff, except silk, even with gold or silver edges, or with impressions in gold or silver.                                     |                               |                                                             |
|            | Accessories of nickel alloy with which these articles may be furnished are not regarded as of silvered metal.                                                                                                                    |                               |                                                             |
| Ex 355     | Musical instruments—                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                                                             |
| (b)        | Pianofortes—                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Each.                         | Each.                                                       |
|            | 1. Square or upright ...                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 90 00                         | 90 00                                                       |
|            | 2. Grand ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 180 00                        | 180 00                                                      |
| (d)        | String, not specified ...                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 50                          | 1 50                                                        |
| (e)        | Wind, not specified ...                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 50                          | 1 50                                                        |
| (f)        | Other, not specified in the Tariff...                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 50                          | 1 50                                                        |
| 356        | Detached parts of musical instruments ...                                                                                                                                                                                        | Per 100 kilogs.<br>100 00     | Per 100 kilogs.<br>100 00                                   |
| Ex 358     | India-rubber and gutta-percha—                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                                                             |
| (c)        | Other manufactures ( <i>i.e.</i> , other than those elsewhere mentioned in the Tariff) including those of hardened india-rubber (ebonite) and excluding those mixed with tissues or metal ...                                    | 50 00                         | 50 00                                                       |

† Toys of all sorts (dolls included).

‡ Boxes of wood, &amp;c., with assortment of colours; night lights.

\* Other articles included under this number (with the exception of certain kinds of hat trimmings, dutiable at 10 lire per 100 kilogs.)

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| Tariff No.                     | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Rate of Duty.                        |                                                             |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | At Present.                          | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new German-Italian Treaty. |
| <i>Ex 358</i><br><i>Ex (f)</i> | India-rubber and gutta-percha ( <i>con.</i> )—<br>Manufactures of all kinds combined with tissues, excluding tissues rubbered in the piece, articles of attire or for travelling, transmission belts and hose pipes: but including covers, air-tubes, and other tyres for bicycle wheels ... .. | Lire. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i> | Lire Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                         |
| (g)                            | Trimmings, ribbons and elastic tissues ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 60 00                                | 60 00                                                       |
| <i>Ex 359</i><br>(b)           | Electric wires and cables—<br>Electric cables composed of one or more metallic conductors covered with insulating material, strengthened or protected with iron or any other metal, including submarine cables ...                                                                              | 130 00                               | 130 00                                                      |
| 367                            | Paint brushes with or without handles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 30 00<br>20 00                       | 28 00<br>20 00                                              |

**MEXICO.**

The following is a further portion of a translation of the most important paragraphs of the revised Customs Tariff for Mexico, which came into force on the 1st inst.

A copy and translation of the complete Tariff may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

| No. | Articles.                                                                               | Unit.             | Duty.      |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
|     |                                                                                         |                   | Peas. cts. |
| 515 | Aniline oils, natural or artificial alizarines, and anthracine ... ..                   | Kilog. gross      | 0 08       |
| 516 | Acetates of alumina, ammonia, lime, copper, chrome, iron, lead, and soda ... ..         | Kilog. legal      | 0 06       |
| 517 | Arsenious acid ... ..                                                                   | " "               | 0 02       |
| 518 | Sulphuric acid ... ..                                                                   | " "               | Free       |
| 519 | Hydrochloric and sulphurous acids ... ..                                                | 100 kilogs. gross | 1 50       |
| 520 | Acetic, boric, citric, chromic, nitric, oxalic, pyroligneous, and tartaric acids ... .. | Kilog. legal      | 0 04       |
| 521 | Liquid acids not specified ... ..                                                       | " "               | 0 10       |
| 522 | Acids in crystals and powder, not specified ...                                         | " "               | 0 20       |
| 523 | Size for cloths, liquid soaps, alkaline sulpho-oleates and sulpho-ricinates ... ..      | Kilog. gross      | 0 04       |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***MEXICO—continued.**

| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                       | Unit.             | Duty.       |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                 |                   | Pesos. cts. |
| 525 | Alcohol or spirits of wine ... ..                                                                                                                               | Kilog. net        | 0 80        |
| 526 | Amylic, methylic, and methylated alcohol ...                                                                                                                    | Kilog. legal      | 0 10        |
| 528 | Ammonia ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Kilog. gross      | 0 01        |
| 530 | White and coloured varnishes, blacking and japan, in paste or liquid ... ..                                                                                     | Kilog. legal      | 0 22        |
| 531 | Bicarbonate of potash or of soda ... ..                                                                                                                         | " "               | 0 09        |
| 534 | Carbonate of potash and of soda ... ..                                                                                                                          | Kilog. gross      | 0 02        |
| 535 | Carbide of calcium ... ..                                                                                                                                       | " "               | 0 04        |
| 536 | Alkaline cyanides ... ..                                                                                                                                        | —                 | Free        |
| 537 | Chloral ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Kilog. legal      | 1 00        |
| 538 | Chlorate of potash and of soda ... ..                                                                                                                           | " "               | 0 07        |
| 539 | Chloroform ... ..                                                                                                                                               | " "               | 1 00        |
| 540 | Chloride or hypochlorite of lime, soda, or potash, chloride of zinc, and protochloride of tin ... ..                                                            | Kilog. gross      | 0 01        |
| 543 | Colours in crystals or powder ... ..                                                                                                                            | " "               | 0 08        |
| 544 | Prepared colours ... ..                                                                                                                                         | " "               | 0 15        |
| 545 | Cream of tartar ... ..                                                                                                                                          | Kilog. legal      | 0 11        |
| 546 | Creoline and all kinds of disinfectants not specified ... ..                                                                                                    | " "               | 0 03        |
| 547 | Medicinal drugs and chemical or pharmaceutical products, not specified ... ..                                                                                   | " "               | 1 00        |
| 550 | Extracts of dye-woods ... ..                                                                                                                                    | Kilog. gross      | 0 08        |
| 551 | White and red phosphoras ... ..                                                                                                                                 | Kilog. legal      | 0 35        |
| 552 | Matches of all kinds ... ..                                                                                                                                     | " "               | 1 70        |
| 553 | Hyposulphite of soda ... ..                                                                                                                                     | —                 | Free        |
| 556 | Photographic dry plates... ..                                                                                                                                   | Kilog. legal      | 0 40        |
| 557 | Common or table salt ... ..                                                                                                                                     | Kilog. gross      | 0 02        |
| 558 | Salts and oxides of all substances, not specified                                                                                                               | Kilog. legal      | 0 18        |
| 559 | Saltpetre, or nitrate of potash, or of soda ...                                                                                                                 | —                 | Free        |
| 561 | Caustic potash or soda ... ..                                                                                                                                   | Kilog. gross      | 0 01        |
| 562 | Sulphate of copper ... ..                                                                                                                                       | —                 | Free        |
| 563 | Sulphate of iron and ammonia ... ..                                                                                                                             | Kilog. gross      | 0 01        |
| 564 | Sulphate of alumina, of magnesia, of potash, and of soda ... ..                                                                                                 | 100 kilogs. gross | 4 50        |
| 565 | Sulphite, bi-sulphite, and tri-sulphite of lime, potash, and soda ... ..                                                                                        | " "               | 1 50        |
| 567 | Writing ink ... ..                                                                                                                                              | Kilog. gross      | 0 12        |
| 569 | Spirits in receptacles of earthenware or glass                                                                                                                  | Litre             | 0 75        |
| 570 | Spirits in receptacles of wood... ..                                                                                                                            | " "               | 0 55        |
| 571 | Mineral waters, natural or artificial ... ..                                                                                                                    | Kilog. legal      | 0 02        |
| 572 | Beer, cider, or refreshing beverages in bottles                                                                                                                 | Kilog. net        | 0 25        |
| 573 | Beer or cider in barrel ... ..                                                                                                                                  | Kilog. gross      | 0 10        |
| 576 | Vinegar in wooden receptacles... ..                                                                                                                             | 100 kilogs. gross | 5 50        |
| 577 | Vinegar in glass receptacles ... ..                                                                                                                             | Kilog. net        | 0 11        |
| 582 | Paper of all classes weighing up to 50 grammes per square metre ... ..                                                                                          | Kilog. legal      | 0 16        |
| 583 | White paper containing more than 40 per cent. of mechanical wood pulp, and weighing more than 50 grammes, but not more than 150 grammes per square metre ... .. | 100 kilogs. legal | 7 50        |
| 584 | White paper, containing up to 40 per cent. of mechanical wood pulp, and weighing more than 50 grammes, but not more than 150 grammes per square metre ... ..    | Kilog. legal      | 0 20        |

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| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Unit.        | Duty.               |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 585 | Paper of dyed pulp, and all kinds of paper not elsewhere mentioned, weighing more than 50 grammes but not more than 150 grammes per square metre ... ..                                                                           | Kilog. legal | Pesos. cts.<br>0 20 |
| 586 | Paper of the natural colour of the pulp, weighing more than 50 grammes, but not more than 150 grammes per square metre ...                                                                                                        | " "          | 0 09                |
| 587 | Paper and cardboard of the natural colour of the pulp, weighing more than 150 grammes per square metre ... ..                                                                                                                     | " "          | 0 06                |
| 588 | White paper and cardboard, weighing more than 150 grammes per square metre ...                                                                                                                                                    | " "          | 0 15                |
| 589 | Paper and cardboard of dyed pulp, weighing more than 150 grammes per square metre ...                                                                                                                                             | " "          | 0 12                |
| 590 | Advertisements, printed, engraved, or lithographed on paper or cardboard, without frames ... ..                                                                                                                                   | " "          | 0 22                |
| 591 | Paper cut into strips not exceeding 5 centimetres in width ... ..                                                                                                                                                                 | " "          | 0 22                |
| 592 | Paper cut into sheets of less than 45 centimetres on any side, ruled paper, and paper with watermarks ... ..                                                                                                                      | " "          | 0 33                |
| 593 | Paper with monogram, address, or head line, printed, engraved, or lithographed ...                                                                                                                                                | " "          | 1 10                |
| 594 | Paper marbled, painted, embossed and glazed, but not bronzed, gilt, or plated ... ..                                                                                                                                              | " "          | 0 15                |
| 595 | Paper, marbled, painted, embossed, or glazed, when bronzed, gilt, or plated, in part or over the whole surface... ..                                                                                                              | " "          | 0 30                |
| 596 | Paper, marbled, painted, embossed and glazed, combined with silk, or with any other material, not specified ... ..                                                                                                                | " "          | 0 55                |
| 597 | Manufactures of paper not specified ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                        | " "          | 0 45                |
| 598 | Geographical, topographical, and nautical charts; wall studies for schools, without frames; drawing copies and copy-books with headings for primary education; books, periodicals of all kinds, and printed music, unbound ... .. | —            | Free                |
| 599 | Prints, engravings, lithographs, oleographs, and paintings on paper or cardboard ...                                                                                                                                              | Kilog. legal | 0 90                |
| 600 | Blank or ruled books, with pasteboard, leather, or muslin binding, even with corners or clasps of metal other than gold, silver, or platinum... ..                                                                                | Kilog. legal | 1 40                |
| 601 | Printed or blank books, with covers of velvet, pearl, ivory, tortoiseshell, gutta-percha, wood, celluloid, or common metal ... ..                                                                                                 | " "          | 2 00                |
| 602 | Printed or manuscript books and music, with cardboard, leather, or muslin covers... ..                                                                                                                                            | Kilog. gross | 0 05                |
| 603 | Playing cards ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Kilog. legal | 3 00                |
| 604 | Paper bags for wrapping, even with lettering or advertisements on them, not specified ...                                                                                                                                         | " "          | 0 20                |
| 605 | Common envelopes ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                           | " "          | 0 40                |
| 606 | Fire extinguishers, with as many as 6 extra charges ... ..                                                                                                                                                                        | —            | Free                |
| 607 | Machines for reproducing manuscripts ...                                                                                                                                                                                          | Kilog. gross | 0 06                |

*(To be continued.)*

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## **COLOMBIA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Presidential Decree modifying the import duties leviable in Colombia on certain articles, as follows:—

| Articles.                                                                                                                  | Former<br>Duty.*          | Present<br>Duty.*         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                                                                                                            | Per kilog.<br>Dols. gold. | Per kilog.<br>Dols. gold. |
| Printed books ... ..                                                                                                       | 0-05                      | 0-01                      |
| Flour ... ..                                                                                                               | 0-08                      | 0-01†                     |
| Vermicelli and other pastes ... ..                                                                                         | 0-03                      | 0-15                      |
| Aniseed ... ..                                                                                                             | 0-10                      | 0-15                      |
| Manufactured stearine ... ..                                                                                               | 0-10                      | 0-10                      |
| Unmanufactured stearine and stearic acid ... ..                                                                            | { 0-03‡ }<br>0-01§        | 0-01                      |
| Spermaceti in candles, &c. ... ..                                                                                          | 0-15                      | 0-15                      |
| Sulphuric acid, saltpetre, hydrochloric acid ... ..                                                                        | 0-03                      | 0-01                      |
| Petroleum and gasoline for motor power ... ..                                                                              | 0-05                      | 0-01                      |
| Refined petroleum, for lighting ... ..                                                                                     | 0-05                      | 0-05                      |
| Graphite and black lead ... ..                                                                                             | Not specified             | 0-03                      |
| Dynamos ... ..                                                                                                             | "                         | 0-03                      |
| Quicksilver for mines ... ..                                                                                               | 0-02                      | 0-01                      |
| Lead, in ingots, for mines ... ..                                                                                          | 0-02                      | 0-01                      |
| Wool, jute, and hemp, in yarn ... ..                                                                                       | { 0-40¶ }<br>0-20\|\| | 0-03                      |
| Cotton threads, white and coloured ... ..                                                                                  | { 0-20** }<br>0-40††      | 0-05                      |
| Silk, in any form ... ..                                                                                                   | 0-90                      | 1-50                      |
| Dry alcoholic wines, in pipes, barrels, or bottles ... ..                                                                  | { 0-03‡‡ }<br>0-20§§      | 0-20                      |
| Roman cement and hydraulic lime ... ..                                                                                     | 0-01                      | Free                      |
| Bone in powder, chalk, feldspath. silica, maseicot, kaolin, and other raw materials for the manufacture of crockery ... .. | 0-01                      | 0-01                      |
| Bricks and paving stones of burnt clay, and stone or cement ... ..                                                         | Free                      | 0-01                      |
| Tiles and paving stones of marble, jasper, or any other natural stone ... ..                                               | 0-01                      | 0-01                      |
| Natural or artificial mineral waters, such as Vichy, &c. ... ..                                                            | 0-10                      | 0-01                      |
| Concentrated molasses ... ..                                                                                               | Not specified             | 0-02                      |

\* Except as regards the articles mentioned in Art. V. of the Decree of the 27th January last [see "Board of Trade Journal" for the 11th May, 1905, p. 265], as amended by the present Decree, all the rates stated require to be increased by the surtax of 70 per cent. provided by Art. I. of the Decree of the 27th January.

† A subsequent Decree has reduced this duty temporarily by 50 per cent. in the case of flour imported through certain ports (see next page).

‡ Unmanufactured stearine.

§ Stearic acid.

¶ Wool. || Hemp. \*\* White. †† Coloured.

‡‡ White, dry, in casks or barrels. §§ Other (except common red wines).

The Decree also exempts the following articles from the surtax of 70 per cent., by bringing them within the scope of Article 5 of the Decree of 27th January last\* :—

Pine resin, caustic soda and potash, neutral silicates, oleaginous

\* See "Board of Trade Journal" for 11th May, 1905, p. 265.

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### **COLOMBIA**—*continued.*

substances for the manufacture of soap, unmanufactured stearine or stearic acid, gasolin and petroleum (raw) for combustion, and coal, so long as coal mines are not being exploited on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

In addition, it is provided that printed books are to enjoy a rebate of 50 per cent. on the Consular invoice duties.

Another Presidential Decree, dated 14th June, reduces by 50 per cent. the Customs duties on flour, barley, grain, rice and lard, imported through the ports of Cartagena, Barranquilla and Cucuta. The Decree re-establishing the ordinary duties on the articles mentioned is not to take effect until 30 days after its publication in the "Diario Oficial."

**Temporary  
Reduction of  
Import Duties on  
certain Food  
Stuffs.**

## **SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.**

### **MAURITIUS.**

A copy of an Ordinance (No. 12 of 1905) has been received from the Colonial Secretary at Mauritius, providing that a special and extra charge of 15 cents per net register ton shall be paid on all vessels entering the harbour (Port Louis) over and above any harbour dues leviable under any ordinance or law in force.

Such extra charge is to be made for a period not exceeding six years from the 30th June, 1905, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the dredging and deepening work of the harbour, provided that such extra charge shall only be levied once on vessels entering the harbour twice within the space of one month, and shall not be levied on vessels entering the harbour in distress, nor on vessels entering the harbour solely for the purpose of coaling or taking in provisions, water or ballast.

**Increased  
Harbour Dues.**

### **ITALY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Leghorn (Mr. M. Carmichael) reports that the Government has voted a sum of 3,000,000 lire (120,000*l.*) for a new dock, which is being actively pushed forward. The depth of the dock will be 28 feet, and its area 492 by 93 yards. The new dock will form a continuation of that

**New Dock and  
Harbour Works  
at Leghorn.**

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part of the harbour known as the Mandraccio with which it will be connected by a short canal; it is thus very well protected. The western end of the dock will communicate with the canal for Pisa and the canal leading to the manufacturing suburb of Torretta. The railway will run alongside the quays, on which electric cranes will be fixed and suitable sheds erected. The dock is an unquestionable advantage, a step in the right direction, but industrial life is springing up in the city with a rapidity which has quite outstripped the existing schemes for harbour improvements, and industrial development may be seriously hampered if better and more ample dock accommodation be not speedily found for Leghorn.

Mr. Carmichael mentions also that the Government has voted a further sum of 2,000,000 lire (80,000L.) for deepening the outer and Medicean harbours. The channel dredged in the open sea at the northern entrance of the outer port is now completed. It is 29½ feet deep, and extends in a north-westerly direction for about a mile, offering a very safe approach to the port. The channel will shortly be marked by buoys.

A large moveable steam crane is to be placed on the northern point of the entrance to the Medicean harbour (Diga Rettilinea) for loading the marble which comes by rail from Carrara, and the sheds situated there are to be raised by one storey. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,487.)

### **PANAMA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 226 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3rd August, 1905, the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have now received from H.M. Acting Consul General at New York (Mr. C. Bayley) a copy of the report of the Honourable J. L. Bristow on the Panama Railway. This report may be seen by those interested on application at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### **VENEZUELA—COLOMBIA.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Carácas (Mr. P. C. Wyndham) reporting that goods from Europe, Trinidad, and any other part of the world are allowed to come to Ciudad Bolivar in transit for Colombia, provided that the fiscal regulations as to Consular invoices are complied with. The goods on arrival at Ciudad Bolivar are deposited in the Custom house, and on being re-exported the shipper has to give a bond for the amount of the duties according to the Venezuelan tariff. This bond is cancelled on the production within six months of a landing certificate signed by the Venezuelan Consul at Orocué. The trade re-opened with Colombia *viâ* the Orinoco is exclusively with the port of Orocué on the Meta River.

## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—VICTORIA.

A supplement to the "Victoria Government Gazette," dated 13th July, contains the text of new regulations relating to mining leases, to come into force 21 days after publication.

The "Gazette" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

### NETHERLANDS—DUTCH GUIANA.

The following summary of the official returns of the gold (raw) entered in Paramaribo during the first six months of the years 1904 and 1905 is taken from a despatch received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Consul at Paramaribo (Mr. J. R. W. Pigott):—

| Districts.                |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1904.    | 1905.    |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------|
|                           |     |     |     |     |     |     | Grammes. | Grammes. |
| Surinam                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 116,415  | 174,115  |
| Saramacca                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50,756   | 100,346  |
| Marowijn                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35,572   | 67,766   |
| Lawa                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 115,126  | 127,870  |
| <i>Entered at Albina—</i> |     |     |     |     |     |     |          |          |
| Marowijn                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —        | 8,146    |
| Lawa                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —        | 863      |
| Total                     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 317,869  | 479,106  |

NOTE.—1,000 grammes = 32·15 oz. troy.

### FRANCE.

H.M. Consul-General at Marseilles (Mr. M. C. Gurney), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, writes as follows:—

**Competition between German and Welsh Coal at Marseilles.** "The German syndicate is now spending large sums in building floating and fixed cranes for the manipulation of their coals here, and seems thoroughly determined to go ahead, whatever may be the cost.

"The low freights ruling last year from Rotterdam have been in their favour, and they have also a coal charter which is more advantageous to charterers than the new Welsh charter party. . . .

"During the first four months of 1905 the coal import at Marseilles has been roughly as follows:—

|              |     |     |     |     |     |     | Quantity. |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
|              |     |     |     |     |     |     | Tons.     |
| Welsh coals  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 170,000   |
| German coals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 84,000    |



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*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.*

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"In the above figures for Welsh coal are included about 7,000 tons for account of the Westphalian syndicate shipped during the strike. This would bring the figures to about 41,000 and 163,000 tons respectively.

"The clauses in the German charter party alluded to above as favourable to charterers are:—(a) That the collier be consigned for agency to the receiver of the cargo; and (b) that, should the steamer require bunker coals at the port of discharge, the want will have to be supplied, at current prices, by the consignee of the cargo, notwithstanding any coal contract which the owner may have at this port. These clauses were contained in the old Welsh charter party, but are now omitted." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,482.)

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**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

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A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from the Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari), transmitting the following note on the salt mines of Austria:—

"Most of the Austrian salt mines are in the Alpine provinces and in Galicia, and they belong to the State. Those of the provinces of Istria and Dalmatia, however, have been hitherto in private hands. Lately these mines have also become Government property, and the Government, it is reported, has now the intention to reduce the price of certain qualities of salt used for cattle in order to favour the agricultural population. Also from hygienic and social political points of view, this Government administration, it is said, will prove more satisfactory."

Mr. Salvari also reports that the price of zinc plates has advanced in consequence of the increase in the cost of raw material, and the drawn wire manufactories (laminatoj) of Austria-Hungary have raised the price of all kinds of plates of zinc by 10*d.* per 100 kilos.

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**JAPAN.**

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The July report of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce states that a rich deposit of phosphorus has been discovered at Hannoura, Nanao Bay, Noto Province, and a merchant of Osaka has obtained a concession covering 3,000,000 *tsubo*.\* The deposit extends under the sea, in a layer of 30 feet, and the ore contains 60 per cent. of the mineral. The concessionaire intends to establish a factory at Nanao for manufacturing manure from the phosphorus.

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\* *Tsubo* = 3·9 square yards.

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## YARNS AND TEXTILES.

### PORTUGAL-MADEIRA.

H.M. Consul at Madeira (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) states that the Madeira embroidery business remains almost exclusively in German hands. In former years the whole of this beautiful work was shipped to the United Kingdom, which supplied the raw materials, but it went out of fashion at home, and the trade passed into the hands of German firms, who set about a thorough organisation of the workers, arranged for the supply of the raw materials, and obtained advantages from the Portuguese Government and their own in the shape of drawbacks on the re-exportation of the finished article from Madeira and rebates on the Customs duty on its re-impórtation into Germany.

By this means they have secured what amounts to a monopoly of the business, all the best workers in the island being under contract to work exclusively for them, so that residents complain of the difficulty of getting any private orders satisfactorily carried out. Now that embroideries have once more come into great vogue in the United Kingdom—particularly the so-called “broderie anglaise,” which is precisely the same as the Madeira work—Mr. Vicars thinks that enterprise and systematic organisation would revive the demand for such goods at home. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,475.*)

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

H.M. Consul at Prague (Capt. A. Wentworth Forbes) reports that at a meeting of cotton weavers held on 10th July this year (1905) in Vienna it was resolved, in consequence of the high price of cotton, to reduce the output by one-sixth. This will probably be effected by stopping work for one day each week; as there are in Austria 110,000 mechanical looms, and each loom on an average produces 160 metres per week, the total in this period is 17,600,000 metres, which, when reduced by one-sixth, would give a weekly reduction of 2,930,000 metres. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,486.*)

### JAPAN.

According to the “Bollettino delle Finanze” (Rome) the Italian Minister at Tokyo has telegraphed an estimate of the silk export of Japan for this year. This will in all probability amount to 89,000 bales.

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 2nd September, 1905, were as follows:—

|        |     |     |     |           |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | 26s. 11d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | 23s. 5d.  |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | 15s. 9d.  |

For further particulars see p. 471.

A statement is published on p. 472, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 2nd September, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

### CYPRUS.

The report of the work of the Agricultural Department of Cyprus published in the "Cyprus Journal," states that a quantity of American cotton seed of the "Peterkin" variety was imported in the spring of 1904, but there has been little demand for it on the part of the public. The experimental crop at Athalassa was not a success, but local causes, late sowing, hot winds and heavy rains when the crop was ready to pick, all helped to the ill success.

### FRANCE—SOCIETY ISLANDS.

H.M. Consul at Tahiti (Mr. R. T. Simons) reports that Sea-island cotton, another article peculiarly adapted to cultivation in that district, was at one time a valuable export thence. Introduced into Tahiti in the late sixties, the annual output of clean, baled material up to the year 1885 averaged 1,070,631 lbs. From 1886-1900 this average fell to 385,384 lbs., since when its export has practically ceased. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,493.*)

### PERU.

H.M. Consul-General at Callao (Mr. A. St. John, C.M.G.), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that the annual production of Piura hard cotton, rough, is from 20,000 to 30,000 bales in dry years, but when the Chira canal is completed it is estimated that the production for that district alone will be from 60,000 to 80,000 bales. Moderate rough is also obtained from Nasca, Ica and Palpa, the output being about 40,000 bales a year. Egyptian

## *Agriculture.*

### PERU—*continued.*

cotton is obtained from the following districts:—Cerro Azul, 15,000 bales; Tambo de Mora, 20,000 bales; Pisco, 20,000 bales; and Lima Valley, 10,000 bales; Huacho, Chancay and Supe supply 15,000 bales. Of these 80,000 bales the cotton factories of Lima, Ica and Arequipa consume 25,000 bales per annum, 6,000 bales go to Barcelona, 2,000 bales to Genoa; the balance goes to Liverpool.

The price of soft cotton is governed by that of American cotton, with generally a premium of  $\frac{1}{4}d.$  per lb. over mid-American. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,491.*)

In the same report the British Vice-Consul at Arequipa (Mr. G. J. Clarke), writes:—"Coca leaves are obtained from

#### **Coca Leaf.**

Cuzco and the neighbouring valleys, where the soil and climate are specially suited for the cultivation of the coca plant. The greater part of the production is consumed by the native Indians, by whom it is much esteemed for its stimulative properties. The export of coca leaves has increased considerably of late years, and during 1904, 732 tons were shipped, principally to Hamburg, where it is manufactured into cocaine."

### BRAZIL.

H.M. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. A. Chapman) has forwarded to the Board of Trade a pamphlet giving a description of a Brazilian plant—the "Canhamo Braziliensis Perini"—and a small sample of the coarsest fibre obtained after seeding. These may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

### CHINA.

The Acting British Consul at Wuchow (Mr. F. E. Wilkinson) reports that the rearing of the silkworm on a large scale is a new industry for Kwangsi, and promises to become a most important one. It is the only industry that the officials are really trying to encourage. The silk produced is said to be of excellent quality, and in view of the deterioration of the Kwangtung article, it is possible that the great Cantonese silk firms may, in their own interest, furnish the capital which is absolutely necessary for the development of the industry. As the mulberry tree is only cultivated to a limited extent in the province, young shoots are being imported in great quantities from Kwangtung. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,449.*)

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 31st August, 1905.

**Cotton Statistics.** was 35,815 (including 49 bales British West Indian), the number imported during the 35 weeks ended the 31st August was 2,711,369 (including 3,839 bales British West Indian and 2,733 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 31st August, 1905, 5,224 bales, and for the 35 weeks, 283,254.

For further details see p. 471.

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### BRITISH INDIA.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the report by Mr. J.

**Foreign Trade,** A. Robertson, late Director-General of Statistics to the Government of India, reviewing the  
**1904-5.** foreign trade of India for the twelve months

ended 31st March, 1905, as compared with previous years. The value of the principal categories of the imports into, and exports from, British India for the last two official years have already been published in the "Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions" (the number containing figures received up to the 31st May), issued by the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade.

The report deals with the trade of British India in detail by groups of articles, with the Customs revenue, shipping, the frontier trade and the coasting trade, &c.

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### DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Board of Trade have received from the Canadian Government a copy of "The Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1905"

**Wireless** (No. 49 of 1905) which was assented to on 20th  
**Telegraphy** July, 1905, and provides for the regulation of  
**Regulations.** wireless telegraphy in Canada.

By Section 3 of the Act it is provided that "no person shall establish any wireless telegraph station, or instal or work any apparatus for wireless telegraphy, in any place or on board any ship registered in Canada, except under and in accordance with a licence granted in that behalf by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries with the consent of the Governor-in-Council."

It is also laid down in the Act that where an applicant for a licence proves that the sole object of obtaining a licence is for the purpose of conducting experiments in wireless telegraphy, a licence for that purpose shall be granted, subject to such special terms, conditions, and restrictions, as the Minister thinks proper.

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*Miscellaneous.*

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**GERMANY.**

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" (Rome) of the 13th August, states that a committee has been formed in Berlin with a view of sending a commercial mission to Morocco during the autumn. The committee is composed in great part of members of the German-Mediterranean Association. Membership of the commercial mission will be restricted to thoroughly competent men. The object is to study the possibilities of trade in Morocco, more especially the North-West of the country, the nature of the exports and imports, the natural resources, and the facilities obtainable at ports. Several German industries are anxious to be represented on the mission, and a large sum has already been received towards its expense.

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**BELGIUM.**

With reference to the notice of p. 612 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 29th June, H.M. Minister at Brussels (Sir C. Phipps, K.C.M.G.) has forwarded a copy of the second report of the Agricultural Committee of the Belgian Senate on the Bill prohibiting the manufacture, carriage and sale, wholesale or retail, of absinthe.

The Bill proposed by the Committee in question deals with "absinthes" only, and no reference is made to other liquors which may contain small quantities of the essences used in the manufacture of the article the use of which it is desired to prohibit.

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**TURKEY.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Ambassador at Constantinople, reporting the formation of an International Association entitled the "Union Permanente des Délégués du Commerce étranger" consisting of delegates from the Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Constantinople and of delegates from those Commercial Communities which have no Chambers of Commerce.

The principal object of this Association is to take united action on the numerous commercial questions which arise in Turkey, and which generally affect the trade of every nation.

The following questions:—1. Custom-house Analyses; 2. The prohibition of certain Trade Marks; 3. The excessive cost of Protests; which have already been deliberated upon by the Union may be noted as an example of the nature of its work.

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## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 35 Weeks ended 31st August, 1905 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>31st August,<br>1905. | 35 Weeks<br>ended<br>31st August,<br>1905. | Week ended<br>31st August,<br>1905. | 35 Weeks<br>ended<br>31st August,<br>1905. |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)                |                                            | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)                |                                            |
|                      | No.                                 | No.                                        | No.                                 | No.                                        |
| American ... ..      | 32,292                              | 2,259,402                                  | 3,504                               | 194,474                                    |
| Brazilian ... ..     | —                                   | 45,716                                     | —                                   | 549                                        |
| East Indian ... ..   | 2,283                               | 41,215                                     | 834                                 | 11,709                                     |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 990                                 | 313,734                                    | 152                                 | 71,430                                     |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 250*                                | 51,302†                                    | 734                                 | 5,092                                      |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>35,815</b>                       | <b>2,711,369</b>                           | <b>5,224</b>                        | <b>283,254</b>                             |

\* Including 49 bales British West Indian.

† Including 3,839 bales British West Indian and 2,733 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 2nd September, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|                                              | Average Price. |           |           |          |           |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                                              | Wheat.         |           | Barley.   |          | Oats.     |          |
|                                              | s.             | d.        | s.        | d.       | s.        | d.       |
| <b>Week ended 2nd September, 1905 ... ..</b> | <b>26</b>      | <b>11</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>9</b> |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>                |                |           |           |          |           |          |
| 1898 ... ..                                  | 26             | 10        | 27        | 9        | 17        | 10       |
| 1899 ... ..                                  | 25             | 5         | 26        | 5        | 16        | 6        |
| 1900 ... ..                                  | 28             | 7         | 25        | 8        | 17        | 10       |
| 1901 ... ..                                  | 26             | 5         | 25        | 1        | 17        | 6        |
| 1902 ... ..                                  | 29             | 9         | 24        | 6        | 19        | 10       |
| 1903 ... ..                                  | 30             | 3         | 22        | 5        | 18        | 5        |
| 1904 ... ..                                  | 30             | 2         | 25        | 3        | 16        | 3        |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

### Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 2nd September, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|                                                 |            | Week ended<br>2nd Sept.,<br>1905. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1904. |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living :—</b>                       |            |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..            | Number.    | 8,995                             | 12,725                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..                          | "          | 1,441                             | 4,961                               |
| Swine ... ..                                    | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..                                   | "          | 509                               | 1,144                               |
| <b>Fresh Meat :—</b>                            |            |                                   |                                     |
| Beef ... ..                                     | Cwts.      | 54,813                            | 124,382                             |
| Mutton ... ..                                   | "          | 81,976                            | 80,390                              |
| Pork ... ..                                     | "          | 6,516                             | 6,686                               |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat :—</b>              |            |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..                                    | Cwts.      | 182,738                           | 102,667                             |
| Beef ... ..                                     | "          | 4,840                             | 1,660                               |
| Hams ... ..                                     | "          | 81,212                            | 28,930                              |
| Pork ... ..                                     | "          | 4,821                             | 4,292                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh ... ..      | "          | 9,350                             | 12,049                              |
| Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... .. | "          | 8,722                             | 9,462                               |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes :—</b>         |            |                                   |                                     |
| Butter ... ..                                   | Cwts.      | 99,353                            | 72,983                              |
| Margarine ... ..                                | "          | 29,489                            | 17,797                              |
| Cheese ... ..                                   | "          | 53,891                            | 76,509                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..            | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..                                  | "          | 56                                | 52                                  |
| " condensed ... ..                              | "          | 20,640                            | 20,376                              |
| " preserved, other kinds... ..                  | "          | 67                                | 77                                  |
| Eggs ... ..                                     | Grt. Hndr. | 426,666                           | 408,106                             |
| Poultry ... ..                                  | Value £    | 1,404                             | 3,014                               |
| Game ... ..                                     | "          | 1,911                             | 1,857                               |
| Rabbits, dead (not tinned) ... ..               | Cwts.      | 48,549                            | 14,474                              |
| Lard ... ..                                     | "          | 48,788                            | 39,172                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—</b>          |            |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..                                    | Cwts.      | 1,906,500                         | 1,953,800                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..                     | "          | 117,600                           | 236,500                             |
| Barley ... ..                                   | "          | 618,800                           | 389,400                             |
| Oats ... ..                                     | "          | 207,000                           | 160,200                             |
| Peas ... ..                                     | "          | 118,816                           | 33,540                              |
| Beans ... ..                                    | "          | 15,940                            | 47,200                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..                     | "          | 766,700                           | 757,700                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw :—</b>                            |            |                                   |                                     |
| Apples ... ..                                   | Cwts.      | 18,446                            | 21,541                              |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..                     | "          | 183                               | 53                                  |
| Bananas ... ..                                  | Bunches.   | 148,968                           | 125,051                             |
| Cherries ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 135                               | —                                   |
| Currants... ..                                  | "          | 1,406                             | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..                             | "          | 2                                 | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..                                   | "          | 25,944                            | 23,720                              |
| Lemons ... ..                                   | "          | 6,312                             | 22,888                              |
| Oranges ... ..                                  | "          | 1,018                             | 6,379                               |
| Pears ... ..                                    | "          | 30,665                            | 57,568                              |
| Plums ... ..                                    | "          | 29,886                            | 22,247                              |
| Strawberries ... ..                             | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..                             | "          | 81,967                            | 36,635                              |
| Hay... ..                                       | Tons.      | 2,408                             | 2,496                               |
| Straw ... ..                                    | "          | 2,054                             | 1,569                               |
| Moss Litter. (Not shown in 1904) ... ..         | "          | 1,577                             | —                                   |
| Hops ... ..                                     | Cwts.      | 646                               | 1,741                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..                             | "          | 4,053                             | 2,171                               |
| <b>Vegetables, raw :—</b>                       |            |                                   |                                     |
| Onions ... ..                                   | Bushels.   | 196,178                           | 171,139                             |
| Potatoes ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 84,600                            | 59,507                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..                                 | "          | 30,584                            | 25,044                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..                             | Value £    | 6,676                             | 3,914                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried</b>                        | Cwts.      | 1,526                             | 3,427                               |
| Preserved by canning... ..                      | "          | 2,118                             | 5,606                               |



## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of August, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. for the first, and 4s. 3d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the August issue:—State of the Labour Market in July; Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration in 1904; Public Relief to the Aged, Infirm and Incurable in France; Recent Conciliation Cases.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual and Miscellaneous Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

#### ANNUAL.

##### No. 3490. Trade of Tainan (South Formosa), 1904.

Increase of 108,336% in value of total trade.

Conspicuous decrease in import trade from Japan.

Detailed analysis of imports.

Progress of Trans-Formosan Railway.

Need of foreign capital and machinery for the development of the rice and sugar industry.

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**No. 3491. Trade and General Condition of Peru, 1904.**

Marked improvement in the commercial and financial condition of the country.

Possibility of increasing trade with the United Kingdom.

This publication also contains reports from Cerro de Pasco, Perené, Chanchamayo and Arequipa.

List of projected railways.

Difficulties in the way of obtaining an adequate supply of labour.

**No. 3492. Trade of the Regency of Tunis, 1904.**

Important change in the system governing the movement of cereals.

Steady improvement in viticulture.

List of principal lines connecting the Regency with Europe.

Port improvement works.

Formation of a company for the local manufacture of paper from esparto grass.

Proposed establishment of railway communication between Bizerta and the coast.

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*March, 1905.*

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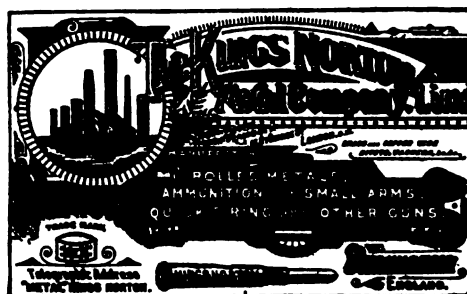
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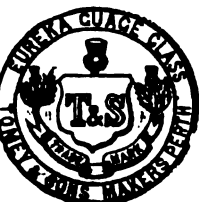
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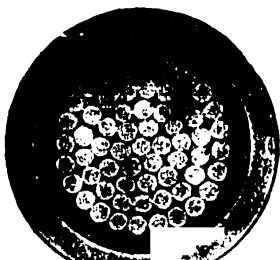
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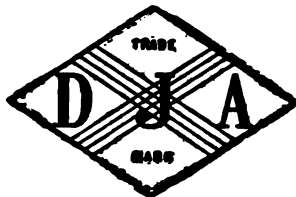
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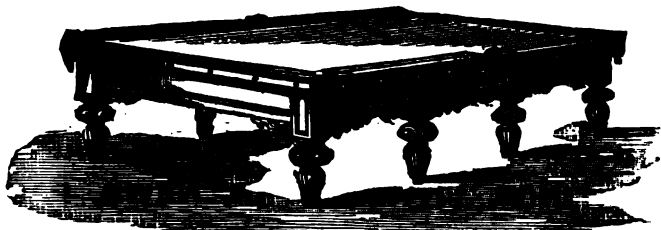


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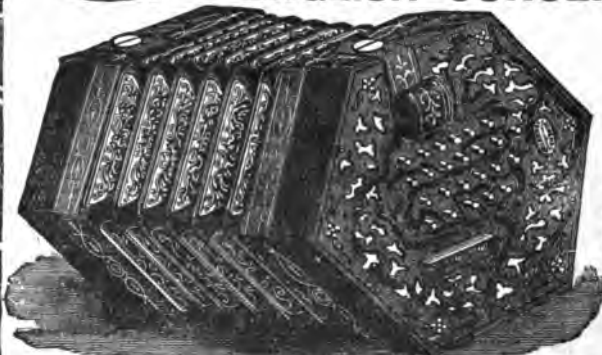


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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 527.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore, received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of wool felt hats of Italian manufacture selling in Abyssinia, Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana; samples of Chinese-made footwear (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th April, pp. 10-11); sample of fibre from a Brazilian plant (see p. 468 of last week's issue of the "Journal.").

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. :—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 528.

## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of—

**Workshop  
Machines,  
Wheels and  
Axles.**

1. Workshop machines,
  2. Wheels and axles for wagons, &c.,
- as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C.

### *Openings for British Trade.*

#### **BRITISH INDIA**—*continued.*

Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Workshop Machines," or as the case may be, not later than noon on Wednesday, the 20th September.

The Company reserve to themselves the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

The Directors of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of the following stores, namely:—Wrought iron bib cocks, &c., brake rigging bolts, nuts, rivets, &c.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's Offices, 48, Copthall Avenue, London, E.C., on payment of the fee for the specification, which payment will not be returned.

Tenders must be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Wrought Iron," or as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st September.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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#### **CANADA.**

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Enquiries relating to Canadian Trade.** **Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.,** whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Home Enquiries.**—A correspondent would like to hear from Canadian manufacturers of log huts and bungalows.

A manufacturer of dubbin, boot polishes and similar specialities would like to do business in Canada.

A manufacturer of boot and shoe laces wishes to extend business with Canada.

A manufacturer of fish hooks and tackle would like to do business in British Columbia, and is prepared to appoint a suitable resident agent.

**Canadian Enquiry.**—A Hamilton commission merchant covering the whole of Canada is prepared to represent British firms dealing in spices, groceries, drugs and chemicals.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**FRANCE.**

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. L. C. Liddell), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that a project is on foot to bring from Moutiers in Savoy the necessary electric power to drive the tramways in Lyons. The power it is proposed to transmit amounts to 6,300 horse-power, which will be obtained from a waterfall 200 feet high, a continuous high tension current being used. The transmitting cable will be 9 millims. copper wire, and the current will have a tension of 50,000 volts on arriving at Lyons. (*Foreign Office, Miscellaneous Series, 638.*)

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**BELGIUM.**

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of the 6th September, announces that tenders are invited for the installation of:—(1) A steam heating apparatus in the primary schools situated in the rue de Douvres, Brussels; and (2) Baths and shower baths in the basement of the same establishment.

Tenders will be opened on the 3rd October, at the Hôtel Communal, Anderlacht lez-Bruxelles. A deposit of 1,000 francs is required to qualify any tender. Specifications, price 1 franc, and plans, price 10 francs, may be obtained from the above address, where tenders will be received until the 30th September.

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**SWITZERLAND.**

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" (Brussels) announces that tenders will shortly be opened at the offices of the Communal Administration, Coire, for the improvement and extension of the electric installation in that town, at the estimated cost of 1,230,000 francs (about 49,200*l.*).

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**SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of the 4th September publishes a notice inviting tenders, which will be opened at noon on the 25th September at the Directorate-General of Public Works, Madrid, for the concession of an electric tramway in Cadiz. An application for this concession has already been received from Don Ubaldo Fuentes, who at the same rates will enjoy certain preferential rights over other tenderers. The competition will turn in the first place on the reduction of the tariffs proposed, and if two or more equal propositions are made a further adjudication will take place with a view to a reduction in the period of the concession (60 years). A deposit of 1,410 pesetas (about 42*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary.

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**ITALY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Salerno (Mr. Pio Consiglio), in a recent report states that the import of electrical appliances into the Salerno District is likely to assume large proportions, as the electrical works at Tusciano have been completed, and are distributing energy to the great benefit of the public. One considerable landowner is already ploughing and performing other operations by electricity, and many of the macaroni works are already worked by it. The force being unused for commercial purposes at night, serves to light the villages where it is employed in the daytime.

**Electric  
Appliances.**

Mr. Consiglio further reports that a co-operative agricultural association has been established greatly to the benefit of landowners and peasants, and adds "its object is to purchase seed, manures and other things at wholesale prices, and to re-sell them to the peasants in small quantities at considerably lower prices than are charged by the local retailers. These associations do a large business in sulphate of copper, and should be eminently useful to British manufacturers of the article." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,496.)

**Copper Sulphate.**

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**BULGARIA.**

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" (Brussels) announces that tenders will be opened at the District Finance Office, Sofia, on 23rd September, for the supply of:—(1) A steel turning bridge, estimated cost 20,000 fr. (about 800*l.*); and (2) Two metallic bridges, estimated cost 81,000 fr. (about 3,240*l.*).

**Steel Bridges.**

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**MEXICO.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico of the 5th August, notifies an application by Señor Francisco A. Osorio for an appropriation of 3,000 litres of water per second from the River Blanco, district of Ixmiquilpan, State of Hidalgo, for the production of motive power.

**Hydro-Electric  
Plant.**

The "Diario Oficial" of the 8th August, notifies an application by Señor Antonio Arguinzoniz for the appropriation of water from the river Tingambato in the district of Valle, State of Mexico, for the production of motive power.

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**CHILE.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Chile of the 13th July publishes a Law sanctioning the expenditure by the President of the Republic of a sum not exceeding 800,000 pesos (about 22,500*l.*) for the promotion of measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

The "Diario" of the 24th July contains the text of a convention entered into between the Governments of Chile and Bolivia, for the construction and working of the railway between Arica and Alto de la Paz, particulars of which were given on p. 201 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 4th May, 1905.

The "Diarios" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**PERU.**

The British Vice-Consul at Arequipa (Mr. G. J. Clarke), reports that the Government of Peru have made an agreement with the Peruvian Corporation, Limited, for the construction of a breakwater and dock at Mollendo to provide increased facilities for loading and discharging cargo from the lighters. The work is estimated to cost about 100,000*l.*, and will take about two years to finish. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,491.*)

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

According to the "Review of the River Plate" (Buenos Aires), of the 18th August, numerous complaints have been raised by the railway companies for some months past in connection with the dearth of sleepers for the new lines that are now under construction, and the Government have been asked to allow the use of imported sleepers until such time as the supply again comes up to the demand. (*See p. 517 of the present issue of the "Journal."*)

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**CHINA.**

On p. 518 will be found a reference to an opening for the development of the cassia trade of Wuchow.

**Development of the Cassia trade.**

### *Openings for British Trade.*

#### **CHINA—continued.**

The following particulars of the trade in metal bedsteads in China are taken from the "Journal des Tariffs et **Metal Bedsteads.** *Traité de Commerce*" of the 31st August:—

"Manufacturers of metal bedsteads for the Far East, and more especially for China, should be careful to fit the bedsteads with the necessary apparatus for supporting mosquito nets. Since it has been clearly proved that yellow fever, typhus, and various other diseases are due in great measure to mosquitos and similar insects, all foreigners and many Chinese of the higher classes are making use of these nets. It must be borne in mind that metal bedsteads are sold in China at a very high price; the most ordinary bedstead, without mattress, would sell for about 4*l.* retail. As a rule the retailers of this class of goods in China are not content with a reasonable profit. The trade in American bedsteads is rapidly increasing in China, the European article not being able to compete with them as regards comfort and cheapness. The high class Chinese are rapidly assimilating a taste for foreign furniture, and a great number of light bedsteads have been sold in China of late years. As the climate is very warm, the wider makes of bedsteads are most in request."

### **FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN AUGUST, 1905.\***

#### **I.—GENERAL.**

The trade returns for August, 1905, when compared with those for the corresponding month of 1904, show increases in the value of the **Imports** into the United Kingdom, in the value of the **Exports** of British produce, and also in the value of the **Exports** of foreign and Colonial merchandise.

The value of the **Imports** in August, 1905, was 46,862,991*l.*, an increase of 4,423,048*l.*, or 10·4 per cent., as compared with August, 1904, whilst the total **Exports** amounted to 35,945,472*l.*, or an increase of 4,207,103*l.* The **Exports** of British produce alone show an increase of 3,157,956*l.*, or 12·0 per cent., as compared with August, 1904, whilst there is an increase of 1,049,147*l.*, or 19·5 per cent., in the **Exports** of foreign and Colonial merchandise.

#### **II.—IMPORTS.**

The following table shows the value of the **Imports** for August, 1905, as compared with the corresponding months of 1904 and 1903, according to the different categories of merchandise:—

\* Reference should be made to the article on "Changes in the Monthly Trade Accounts for 1905," published at pp. 444-6 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th March, 1905, for information as to the changes which have been made in these accounts.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in August, 1905.***Imports from Foreign Countries and British Possessions.\***

|                                                                                   | Month ended 31st August. |                   |                   | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1905<br>as compared<br>with 1904. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1905<br>as compared<br>with 1903. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                   | 1903.                    | 1904.             | 1905.             |                                                                            |                                                                            |
|                                                                                   | £                        | £                 | £                 | £                                                                          | £                                                                          |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>                                               |                          |                   |                   |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..                                                         | 5,600,251                | 5,765,194         | 6,328,956         | +                                                                          | 558,763                                                                    |
| B. Meat, including animals for food ...                                           | 4,346,602                | 4,017,323         | 4,621,716         | +                                                                          | 604,393                                                                    |
| C. Other food and drink—                                                          |                          |                   |                   |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| 1. Non-dutiable ... ..                                                            | 5,051,678                | 5,199,191         | 5,849,373         | +                                                                          | 650,382                                                                    |
| 2. Dutiable ... ..                                                                | 4,379,900                | 3,649,401         | 3,635,284         | —                                                                          | 14,117                                                                     |
| D. Tobacco ... ..                                                                 | 335,665                  | 369,823           | 284,866           | —                                                                          | 84,937                                                                     |
| <b>Total, Class I. ...</b>                                                        | <b>£19,711,996</b>       | <b>19,000,932</b> | <b>20,718,895</b> | <b>+</b>                                                                   | <b>1,714,463</b>                                                           |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles</b>                                             |                          |                   |                   |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| <b>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>                                                     |                          |                   |                   |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Coal, coke, and patent fuel ... ..                                             | 202                      | 166               | 9,611             | +                                                                          | 9,445                                                                      |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ... ..                                         | 437,701                  | 404,269           | 538,410           | +                                                                          | 134,141                                                                    |
| C. Other metallic ores ... ..                                                     | 505,208                  | 533,556           | 573,064           | +                                                                          | 39,528                                                                     |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..                                                         | 3,661,579                | 3,383,087         | 3,335,686         | —                                                                          | 147,431                                                                    |
| E. Cotton ... ..                                                                  | 857,825                  | 1,549,984         | 2,600,773         | +                                                                          | 1,250,789                                                                  |
| F. Wool ... ..                                                                    | 1,263,540                | 1,243,113         | 1,099,309         | —                                                                          | 143,804                                                                    |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..                                                 | 612,845                  | 406,320           | 646,061           | +                                                                          | 239,741                                                                    |
| H. Oil seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums ... ..                                   | 2,140,760                | 2,140,613         | 2,128,472         | —                                                                          | 12,141                                                                     |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ... ..                                               | 610,161                  | 515,815           | 736,362           | +                                                                          | 220,547                                                                    |
| J. Materials for paper making ... ..                                              | 278,956                  | 336,966           | 304,171           | —                                                                          | 32,795                                                                     |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..                                                           | 1,377,137                | 1,452,079         | 1,822,256         | +                                                                          | 370,177                                                                    |
| <b>Total, Class II. ...</b>                                                       | <b>£11,739,904</b>       | <b>11,964,968</b> | <b>18,694,175</b> | <b>+</b>                                                                   | <b>1,929,207</b>                                                           |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—</b>                               |                          |                   |                   |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..                                 | 738,644                  | 694,384           | 705,699           | +                                                                          | 11,315                                                                     |
| B. Other metals and manufactures thereof ... ..                                   | 1,759,979                | 1,737,791         | 1,925,379         | +                                                                          | 197,588                                                                    |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments ... ..                           | 291,608                  | 269,558           | 371,158           | +                                                                          | 1,600                                                                      |
| D. Telegraph cables and apparatus ... ..                                          | 8,381                    | 3,235             | 2,964             | —                                                                          | 271                                                                        |
| E. Machinery ... ..                                                               | 342,595                  | 366,632           | 343,496           | —                                                                          | 23,136                                                                     |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..                                                             | 3,059                    | 5,807             | 3,668             | —                                                                          | 2,141                                                                      |
| G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ... ..                   | 194,853                  | 166,042           | 170,074           | +                                                                          | 4,032                                                                      |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—                                                     |                          |                   |                   |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| 1. Cotton ... ..                                                                  | 646,248                  | 607,713           | 780,281           | +                                                                          | 172,568                                                                    |
| 2. Wool ... ..                                                                    | 991,225                  | 1,066,665         | 1,109,835         | +                                                                          | 43,170                                                                     |
| 3. Other materials ... ..                                                         | 1,457,230                | 1,591,668         | 1,599,532         | +                                                                          | 7,914                                                                      |
| I. Apparel ... ..                                                                 | 365,724                  | 321,065           | 343,839           | +                                                                          | 22,754                                                                     |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ... ..                                      | 671,466                  | 700,135           | 780,012           | +                                                                          | 79,877                                                                     |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes and gloves) ... .. | 892,894                  | 813,894           | 906,448           | +                                                                          | 94,554                                                                     |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..                                                   | 375,359                  | 376,676           | 367,608           | —                                                                          | 9,068                                                                      |
| M. Paper ... ..                                                                   | 386,331                  | 440,537           | 459,618           | +                                                                          | 19,061                                                                     |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..                                                           | 2,018,311                | 2,127,459         | 2,322,290         | +                                                                          | 194,831                                                                    |
| <b>Total, Class III. ...</b>                                                      | <b>£11,137,907</b>       | <b>11,279,301</b> | <b>12,093,949</b> | <b>+</b>                                                                   | <b>814,648</b>                                                             |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) ...</b>             | <b>£171,649</b>          | <b>194,742</b>    | <b>150,472</b>    | <b>—</b>                                                                   | <b>35,270</b>                                                              |
| <b>Total value of Imports ...</b>                                                 | <b>£42,761,456</b>       | <b>42,439,943</b> | <b>46,963,991</b> | <b>+</b>                                                                   | <b>4,423,048</b>                                                           |

\*The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

Comparing the values of the imports of articles last month with those of August, 1904, the chief increases and decreases are as shown in the following statement:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in August, 1905.*

| Increases. |                         |           |  |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|
|            |                         | £         |  |
| I.         | A. { Wheat ... ..       | 456,628   |  |
|            | { Oats ... ..           | 57,591    |  |
|            | { Maize ... ..          | 256,466   |  |
|            | { Beef, fresh ... ..    | 344,848   |  |
|            | { Mutton, fresh ... ..  | 174,209   |  |
|            | B. { Bacon ... ..       | 86,243    |  |
|            | { Hams ... ..           | 110,047   |  |
|            | { Butter ... ..         | 275,975   |  |
|            | { Cheese ... ..         | 188,844   |  |
|            | C1. { Eggs ... ..       | 103,080   |  |
|            | { Plums ... ..          | 62,231    |  |
|            | { Lard ... ..           | 123,615   |  |
|            | { Margarine ... ..      | 50,665    |  |
|            | Ca. { Sugar refined and |           |  |
|            | { sugar candy ... ..    | 69,603    |  |
| II.        | B. { Iron ore ... ..    | 139,710   |  |
|            | C. { Silver ore ... ..  | 65,881    |  |
|            | E. { Cotton, raw ... .. | 1,259,512 |  |
|            | G. { Flax, dressed and  |           |  |
|            | { undressed ... ..      | 80,735    |  |

| II.— |                            | £       |  |
|------|----------------------------|---------|--|
|      |                            |         |  |
| H.   | { Petroleum ... ..         | 118,067 |  |
|      | { Turpentine ... ..        | 141,036 |  |
|      | { Tallow & stearine ... .. | 80,184  |  |
|      | { Hides, raw, wet ... ..   | 103,724 |  |
|      | { Furs, undressed,         |         |  |
| I.   | { other than rabbit        |         |  |
|      | { and seal skins ... ..    | 54,090  |  |
| K.   | { Caoutchouc ... ..        | 251,285 |  |
| B.   | { Lead ... ..              | 68,166  |  |
|      | { Tin ... ..               | 99,979  |  |
| H1.  | { Zinc, crude ... ..       | 53,936  |  |
| III. | { Cotton yarns and         |         |  |
|      | { fabrics other            |         |  |
|      | { than manufac-            |         |  |
|      | { tures ... ..             | 148,128 |  |
| H2.  | { Woollen & worsted        |         |  |
|      | { stuffs ... ..            | 60,869  |  |
| K.   | { Leather ... ..           | 87,165  |  |

| Decreases. |                               |         |  |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------|--|
|            |                               | £       |  |
| I.         | A. { Wheat meal and           |         |  |
|            | { flour ... ..                | 92,672  |  |
|            | { Barley ... ..               | 58,252  |  |
|            | B. { Cattle ... ..            | 167,137 |  |
|            | C1. { Fish, cured or          |         |  |
|            | { salted ... ..               | 106,578 |  |
|            | { Pears ... ..                | 68,958  |  |
|            | C2. { Sugar, unrefined ... .. | 128,059 |  |
|            | D. { Tobacco, unmanu-         |         |  |
|            | { factured ... ..             | 53,226  |  |
| II.        | D. { Wood and timber,         |         |  |
|            | { hewn ... ..                 | 68,762  |  |
|            | { Wood and timber,            |         |  |
|            | { sawn or split ... ..        | 92,200  |  |
|            | F. { Mohair ... ..            | 108,347 |  |
| H.         | { Seeds: Flax or              |         |  |
|            | { linseed ... ..              | 339,238 |  |
|            | { Fish oils ... ..            | 53,060  |  |
| III.       | B. { Copper, unwrought        |         |  |
|            | { and part wrought            | 108,456 |  |

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz. :—

|      |                                       | Increase.       | Decrease.          |
|------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|      |                                       |                 |                    |
| I.   | A. { Peas ... ..                      | £8,964...       | 22,280 cwts.       |
|      | { Oatmeal ... ..                      | £5,917          | 4,526 "            |
|      | B. { Meat, unenumerated, salted or    |                 |                    |
|      | { fresh ... ..                        | £2,376...       | 456 "              |
|      | C1. { Lemons ... ..                   | £2,955...       | 26,495 "           |
|      | { Sugar, refined, and sugar candy     | £69,603...      | 180,045 "          |
|      | Ca. { Spirits other than brandy and   |                 |                    |
|      | { rum ... ..                          | £1,087...       | 7,432 proof galls. |
|      | D. { Furniture woods other than       |                 |                    |
|      | { mahogany ... ..                     | £1,696...       | 576 tons.          |
| II.  | H. { Rosin ... ..                     | £14,213...      | 3,382 cwts.        |
|      | I. { Sheep skins, undressed ... ..    | £19,754...      | 38,914 No.         |
|      | K. { Gutta Percha ... ..              | 208 cwts.       | £10,766            |
|      | B. { Zinc manufactures ... ..         | £2,043...       | 166 tons.          |
| III. | J. { Saltpetre ... ..                 | £1,619...       | 538 cwts.          |
|      | { Boots and shoes ... ..              | 1,538 doz. prs. | £3,061             |
|      | K. { Gloves ... ..                    | £5,547...       | 1,263 doz. prs.    |
|      | L. { Chinaware and earthenware ... .. | £1,939...       | 4,790 cwts.        |

### III.—EXPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the Exports of British produce for the month of August, 1905, as compared with the corresponding month of 1904 and 1903, and the increase or decrease in each principal category :—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in August, 1905.***Exports of British Produce.\***

|                                                                                    | Month ended 31st August. |              |              | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1905<br>as compared<br>with 1904. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1905<br>as compared<br>with 1903. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                    | 1903.                    | 1904.        | 1905.        |                                                                            |                                                                            |
|                                                                                    | £                        | £            | £            | £                                                                          | £                                                                          |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>                                                |                          |              |              |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..                                                          | 133,181                  | 173,584      | 254,682      | + 81,098                                                                   | + 121,501                                                                  |
| B. Meat, including animals for food ...                                            | 63,624                   | 81,297       | 71,901       | — 9,386                                                                    | + 9,277                                                                    |
| C. Other food and drink ... ..                                                     | 1,869,066                | 1,866,886    | 1,519,979    | + 121,091                                                                  | + 150,973                                                                  |
| D. Tobacco ... ..                                                                  | 53,050                   | 69,072       | 68,178       | + 19,101                                                                   | + 35,123                                                                   |
| Total, Class I. ... ..                                                             | £ 1,617,861              | £ 1,722,841  | £ 1,934,755  | + 211,894                                                                  | + 316,874                                                                  |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles</b>                                              |                          |              |              |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| <b>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>                                                      |                          |              |              |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Coal, coke and patent fuel ... ..                                               | 2,281,555                | 2,206,871    | 2,247,118    | + 38,247                                                                   | — 34,437                                                                   |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ... ..                                           | 38,979                   | 43,034       | 37,117       | — 5,917                                                                    | + 3,138                                                                    |
| C. Other metallic ores ... ..                                                      | 10,686                   | 13,032       | 4,522        | — 8,510                                                                    | — 6,164                                                                    |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..                                                          | 7,126                    | 6,543        | 5,381        | — 1,162                                                                    | ✓ 1,745                                                                    |
| E. Cotton ... ..                                                                   | —                        | —            | —            | —                                                                          | —                                                                          |
| F. Wool ... ..                                                                     | 107,365                  | 112,429      | 215,970      | + 108,541                                                                  | + 106,605                                                                  |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..                                                  | 4,613                    | 7,837        | 11,894       | + 4,037                                                                    | + 7,281                                                                    |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats and gums ... ..                                     | 212,760                  | 202,480      | 203,383      | + 903                                                                      | — 9,377                                                                    |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ... ..                                                | 85,927                   | 99,678       | 157,890      | + 58,212                                                                   | + 75,963                                                                   |
| J. Materials for paper making ... ..                                               | 32,348                   | 34,643       | 39,880       | + 5,237                                                                    | + 7,532                                                                    |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..                                                            | 109,058                  | 118,135      | 132,312      | + 19,177                                                                   | + 23,256                                                                   |
| Total, Class II. ... ..                                                            | £ 2,883,415              | £ 2,841,682  | £ 3,055,467  | + 213,785                                                                  | + 173,052                                                                  |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—</b>                                |                          |              |              |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..                                  | 2,333,744                | 2,216,562    | 2,627,859    | + 411,297                                                                  | + 294,115                                                                  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures thereof ... ..                                    | 569,612                  | 610,077      | 843,461      | + 233,384                                                                  | + 273,849                                                                  |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments ... ..                            | 422,166                  | 394,294      | 415,688      | + 21,394                                                                   | — 6,478                                                                    |
| D. Telegraph cables and apparatus ... ..                                           | 62,272                   | 50,877       | 440,829      | + 389,952                                                                  | + 378,057                                                                  |
| E. Machinery ... ..                                                                | 1,695,100                | 1,626,636    | 1,897,792    | + 271,156                                                                  | + 262,692                                                                  |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..                                                              | 296,721                  | 352,805      | 682,251      | + 329,446                                                                  | + 385,530                                                                  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ... ..                    | 122,155                  | 116,977      | 103,836      | — 18,151                                                                   | — 18,329                                                                   |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—                                                      |                          |              |              |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| 1. Cotton ... ..                                                                   | 6,880,000                | 7,943,590    | 8,307,535    | + 364,005                                                                  | + 1,426,835                                                                |
| 2. Wool ... ..                                                                     | 2,625,237                | 2,732,459    | 2,834,080    | + 101,621                                                                  | + 208,843                                                                  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..                                                          | 1,152,196                | 1,005,849    | 1,185,062    | + 129,233                                                                  | + 2,886                                                                    |
| I. Apparel ... ..                                                                  | 781,760                  | 599,244      | 649,599      | + 50,355                                                                   | — 132,161                                                                  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ... ..                                       | 1,018,702                | 1,015,925    | 1,060,291    | + 44,366                                                                   | + 41,589                                                                   |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves) ... .. | 466,612                  | 426,142      | 506,611      | + 80,469                                                                   | + 39,999                                                                   |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..                                                    | 309,048                  | 297,727      | 272,926      | — 24,801                                                                   | — 36,122                                                                   |
| M. Paper ... ..                                                                    | 165,908                  | 147,204      | 158,749      | + 11,545                                                                   | + 7,159                                                                    |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..                                                            | 1,945,058                | 1,865,350    | 2,192,030    | + 296,680                                                                  | + 216,972                                                                  |
| Total, Class III. ... ..                                                           | £ 20,826,891             | £ 21,401,158 | £ 24,098,109 | + 2,696,951                                                                | + 3,271,218                                                                |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) £</b>                | 336,717                  | 394,199      | 429,525      | + 35,326                                                                   | + 92,808                                                                   |
| Total value of Exports of British produce ... ..                                   | £ 25,664,584             | £ 26,259,239 | £ 29,517,836 | + 3,157,956                                                                | + 3,263,963                                                                |

**Exports of Foreign and Colonial Produce.**

|                    | £         | £         | £         | £           | £         |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Total value ... .. | 5,854,912 | 5,378,469 | 6,427,636 | + 1,049,147 | + 572,734 |

\* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship, and are known as the "free on board" values.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in August, 1905.*

Comparing the values of the exports of the principal articles of British produce and manufacture in August, 1905, with those of August, 1904, the chief increases and decreases are as follow:—

**Increases.**

|      |                  |                                                   |     |     | £       |
|------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------|
| I.   | A.               | Bran and pollard ... ..                           | ... | ... | 63,038  |
| II.  | F.               | Wool, sheep or lambs' ... ..                      | ... | ... | 103,541 |
|      | A.               | Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..    | ... | ... | 411,397 |
|      | B.               | Copper, unwrought and wrought ... ..              | ... | ... | 125,973 |
|      | D.               | Telegraph cables and apparatus... ..              | ... | ... | 889,952 |
|      | E.               | Steam engines ... ..                              | ... | ... | 189,980 |
|      | F.               | Machinery, not steam engines or electrical ... .. | ... | ... | 77,130  |
|      | F.               | Ships, new ... ..                                 | ... | ... | 329,446 |
| III. |                  | Cotton yarn... ..                                 | ... | ... | 137,533 |
|      | H <sub>1</sub> . | " piece goods... ..                               | ... | ... | 112,768 |
|      |                  | " manufactures of other sorts ... ..              | ... | ... | 113,704 |
|      | H <sub>2</sub> . | Wool tops ... ..                                  | ... | ... | 56,011  |
|      | H <sub>3</sub> . | Linen piece goods ... ..                          | ... | ... | 54,783  |
|      | N.               | Arms, ammunition, and military stores ... ..      | ... | ... | 99,822  |
| IV.  |                  | Railway trucks, waggons, &c. (not of iron) ... .. | ... | ... | 82,714  |
|      |                  | Horses ... ..                                     | ... | ... | 50,464  |

**Decrease.**

|  |                  |                      |     |     | £      |
|--|------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|--------|
|  | H <sub>4</sub> . | Wool blankets ... .. | ... | ... | 65,940 |

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz.:—

|      |                |                                       |     | Increase.   | Decrease.       |
|------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-----------------|
| I.   | B.             | Cattle ... ..                         | ... | 18 number   | £4,032.         |
|      | C.             | Herrings ... ..                       | ... | £23,620...  | 12,522 barrels. |
|      |                | Salt ... ..                           | ... | 2,540 tons  | £4,033.         |
| II.  | K.             | Clay ... ..                           | ... | 675 "       | £1,510.         |
|      | C.             | Hardware ... ..                       | ... | 4,330 cwts. | £1,965.         |
|      |                | Wool, flocks and waste ... ..         | ... | £4,941...   | 180,900 lbs.    |
|      | H <sub>2</sub> | Worsted yarn ... ..                   | ... | £14,722...  | 125,500 "       |
|      |                | Woollen tissues ... ..                | ... | £38,261...  | 617,100 yards.  |
| III. |                | Carpets ... ..                        | ... | £5,684...   | 16,200 "        |
|      | H <sub>3</sub> | Jute piece-goods ... ..               | ... | £12,851...  | 908,900 "       |
|      | J.             | Painters' colours and materials... .. | ... | £5,061...   | 2,379 cwts.     |
|      | N.             | Bags and sacks ... ..                 | ... | £5,006...   | 223 number.     |
|      |                | Cordage, cables, rope, &c. ... ..     | ... | 912 cwts.   | £1,572.         |

**IV.—TRADE DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1905.**

The following table shows the value of the Imports from foreign countries and British possessions during the eight months ended 31st August last, as compared with the corresponding periods of the two previous years:—



*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in August, 1905.***Imports from Foreign Countries and British Possessions.\***

|                                                                                          | Eight Months ended<br>31st August. |               |               | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1905<br>as compared<br>with 1904. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1905<br>as compared<br>with 1903. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                          | 1903.                              | 1904.         | 1905.         |                                                                            |                                                                            |
|                                                                                          | £                                  | £             | £             | £                                                                          | £                                                                          |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>                                                      |                                    |               |               |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..                                                                | 42,586,918                         | 44,162,308    | 45,883,971    | + 1,721,663                                                                | + 3,297,053                                                                |
| B. Meat, including animals for food                                                      | 33,442,922                         | 32,134,137    | 32,940,623    | + 506,486                                                                  | — 802,299                                                                  |
| C. Other food and drink—                                                                 |                                    |               |               |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| 1. Non-dutiable... ..                                                                    | 40,311,559                         | 41,640,122    | 40,378,825    | — 1,261,297                                                                | + 67,206                                                                   |
| 2. Dutiable ... ..                                                                       | 27,676,354                         | 28,010,949    | 28,646,061    | + 635,119                                                                  | + 969,714                                                                  |
| D. Tobacco ... ..                                                                        | 2,630,308                          | 2,600,093     | 2,322,165     | — 277,928                                                                  | — 306,146                                                                  |
| Total, Class I. ... ..                                                                   | £ 146,648,061                      | £ 148,547,609 | £ 149,871,652 | + 1,824,043                                                                | + 3,223,591                                                                |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles<br/>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>                         |                                    |               |               |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Coal, coke and patent fuel ...                                                        | 2,487                              | 2,056         | 22,603        | + 20,547                                                                   | + 20,116                                                                   |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...                                                    | 3,470,141                          | 3,118,924     | 3,678,692     | + 559,768                                                                  | + 206,551                                                                  |
| C. Other metallic ores... ..                                                             | 4,660,861                          | 4,441,173     | 4,997,217     | + 556,044                                                                  | + 938,356                                                                  |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..                                                                | 16,106,246                         | 15,313,665    | 14,358,806    | — 954,859                                                                  | — 1,747,440                                                                |
| E. Cotton ... ..                                                                         | 25,123,244                         | 28,895,309    | 30,684,632    | + 1,789,323                                                                | + 5,561,388                                                                |
| F. Wool ... ..                                                                           | 18,504,197                         | 17,385,405    | 19,590,258    | + 2,204,853                                                                | + 1,086,061                                                                |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..                                                        | 7,403,978                          | 8,374,805     | 8,731,938     | + 357,133                                                                  | + 1,327,960                                                                |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and<br>gums ... ..                                       | 16,392,354                         | 17,376,815    | 15,702,780    | — 1,674,035                                                                | — 689,574                                                                  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ...                                                         | 5,046,009                          | 4,317,559     | 5,129,792     | + 812,233                                                                  | + 83,783                                                                   |
| J. Materials for paper making ...                                                        | 2,100,681                          | 2,262,728     | 2,429,332     | + 166,604                                                                  | + 328,651                                                                  |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..                                                                  | 12,560,828                         | 13,622,360    | 14,567,778    | + 945,418                                                                  | + 2,006,950                                                                |
| Total Class II. ... ..                                                                   | £ 110,771,026                      | £ 115,110,799 | £ 119,893,828 | + 4,783,029                                                                | + 9,122,802                                                                |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly<br/>Manufactured—</b>                                  |                                    |               |               |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..                                     | 5,504,170                          | 5,503,144     | 5,335,250     | — 167,894                                                                  | — 168,920                                                                  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..                                       | 13,159,064                         | 13,566,101    | 13,754,737    | + 188,636                                                                  | + 1,595,673                                                                |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements<br>and instruments ... ..                               | 2,812,007                          | 2,478,446     | 2,248,098     | — 230,348                                                                  | — 563,909                                                                  |
| D. Telegraph cables and apparatus... ..                                                  | 42,112                             | 23,666        | 35,291        | + 11,625                                                                   | — 6,821                                                                    |
| E. Machinery ... ..                                                                      | 3,142,181                          | 2,975,747     | 3,168,387     | + 192,640                                                                  | + 26,206                                                                   |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..                                                                    | 38,571                             | 17,199        | 15,145        | — 2,054                                                                    | — 33,426                                                                   |
| G. Manufactures of wood and tim-<br>ber (including furniture) ... ..                     | 1,578,057                          | 1,428,075     | 1,296,318     | — 129,757                                                                  | — 279,739                                                                  |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—                                                            |                                    |               |               |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| 1. Cotton ... ..                                                                         | 5,226,948                          | 4,504,932     | 5,205,463     | + 700,531                                                                  | — 21,485                                                                   |
| 2. Wool ... ..                                                                           | 7,918,841                          | 7,786,850     | 8,572,558     | + 785,706                                                                  | + 653,717                                                                  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..                                                                | 13,203,142                         | 13,140,585    | 13,123,691    | — 16,894                                                                   | — 81,451                                                                   |
| I. Apparel ... ..                                                                        | 2,159,386                          | 2,289,472     | 2,604,381     | + 314,909                                                                  | + 444,995                                                                  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and<br>colours ... ..                                          | 5,956,597                          | 6,264,068     | 6,496,528     | + 234,440                                                                  | + 541,981                                                                  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof<br>(including boots and shoes, and<br>gloves) ... .. | 7,589,192                          | 7,349,707     | 7,062,449     | — 267,258                                                                  | — 526,743                                                                  |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..                                                          | 3,028,086                          | 2,909,796     | 2,702,712     | — 207,084                                                                  | — 325,364                                                                  |
| M. Paper ... ..                                                                          | 3,178,104                          | 3,269,682     | 3,358,685     | + 89,003                                                                   | + 183,581                                                                  |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..                                                                  | 16,324,011                         | 16,638,006    | 16,410,359    | + 1,752,353                                                                | + 2,086,346                                                                |
| Total, Class III. ... ..                                                                 | £ 89,859,479                       | £ 90,165,496  | £ 93,414,052  | + 3,248,556                                                                | + 3,554,573                                                                |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclasi-<br/>fied (including Parcel Post)...</b>                |                                    |               |               |                                                                            |                                                                            |
|                                                                                          | 1,540,796                          | 1,492,398     | 1,512,925     | + 20,527                                                                   | — 27,871                                                                   |
| Total ... ..                                                                             | £ 348,819,363                      | £ 355,316,303 | £ 364,692,457 | + 9,376,155                                                                | + 15,873,085                                                               |

\* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

The value of the Exports of home produce, also of foreign and colonial produce, during the first eight months of 1905, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1904 and 1903, is as shown in the following table:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in August, 1905.***Exports of British Produce.\***

|                                                                                | Eight Months ended 31st August. |             |             | Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1904. | Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in 1905 as compared with 1903. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                | 1903.                           | 1904.       | 1905.       |                                                             |                                                             |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>                                            |                                 |             |             |                                                             |                                                             |
| A. Grain and flour ...                                                         | 1,124,144                       | 1,104,824   | 1,851,927   | + 747,103                                                   | + 737,733                                                   |
| B. Meat, including animals for food.                                           | 399,608                         | 458,607     | 561,022     | + 42,415                                                    | + 101,414                                                   |
| C. Other food and drink ...                                                    | 7,916,918                       | 7,976,686   | 8,390,100   | + 413,434                                                   | + 473,182                                                   |
| D. Tobacco ...                                                                 | 421,209                         | 496,227     | 639,345     | + 143,118                                                   | + 218,136                                                   |
| Total, Class I. ...                                                            | £ 9,861,879                     | 10,036,324  | 11,382,394  | + 1,346,070                                                 | + 1,520,515                                                 |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>                   |                                 |             |             |                                                             |                                                             |
| A. Coal, coke, and patent fuel ...                                             | 18,077,443                      | 17,882,461  | 17,146,338  | — 736,123                                                   | — 931,105                                                   |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...                                         | 328,634                         | 318,770     | 319,287     | + 517                                                       | — 9,347                                                     |
| C. Other metallic ores ...                                                     | 95,186                          | 92,363      | 77,460      | — 14,927                                                    | — 17,729                                                    |
| D. Wood and timber ...                                                         | 34,417                          | 35,370      | 51,684      | + 16,314                                                    | + 17,267                                                    |
| E. Cotton ...                                                                  | —                               | —           | —           | —                                                           | —                                                           |
| F. Wool ...                                                                    | 646,787                         | 776,134     | 1,063,189   | + 287,055                                                   | + 416,402                                                   |
| G. Other textile materials ...                                                 | 91,612                          | 112,218     | 115,817     | + 3,604                                                     | + 24,205                                                    |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums ...                                   | 2,022,665                       | 1,855,025   | 1,632,392   | — 202,633                                                   | — 370,273                                                   |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ...                                               | 905,467                         | 930,969     | 1,212,404   | + 281,415                                                   | + 306,937                                                   |
| J. Materials for paper making ...                                              | 276,623                         | 284,643     | 354,726     | + 70,083                                                    | + 78,103                                                    |
| K. Miscellaneous ...                                                           | 1,032,951                       | 1,073,933   | 1,215,980   | + 142,027                                                   | + 183,029                                                   |
| Total, Class II. ...                                                           | £ 23,511,785                    | 23,361,951  | 23,309,283  | — 152,666                                                   | — 302,502                                                   |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—</b>                            |                                 |             |             |                                                             |                                                             |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ...                                 | 20,597,024                      | 18,371,367  | 20,471,063  | + 2,100,395                                                 | — 125,363                                                   |
| B. Other metals and manufactures thereof ...                                   | 4,386,135                       | 4,511,625   | 5,493,068   | + 981,463                                                   | + 1,106,933                                                 |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments ...                           | 3,000,639                       | 3,153,421   | 3,280,347   | + 126,926                                                   | + 280,306                                                   |
| D. Telegraph cables and apparatus ...                                          | 1,528,466                       | 594,320     | 1,109,842   | + 515,122                                                   | + 419,124                                                   |
| E. Machinery ...                                                               | 12,908,686                      | 13,758,218  | 15,017,650  | + 1,259,432                                                 | + 2,108,964                                                 |
| F. Ships (new) ...                                                             | 3,155,103                       | 2,918,428   | 3,063,710   | + 145,282                                                   | — 91,393                                                    |
| G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ...                   | 972,099                         | 823,762     | 756,728     | — 67,034                                                    | — 215,371                                                   |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—                                                  |                                 |             |             |                                                             |                                                             |
| 1. Cotton ...                                                                  | 50,173,562                      | 54,356,680  | 60,359,964  | + 6,003,184                                                 | + 10,186,392                                                |
| 2. Wool ...                                                                    | 17,302,650                      | 18,185,061  | 20,228,537  | + 2,038,476                                                 | + 2,920,887                                                 |
| 3. Other materials ...                                                         | 8,259,212                       | 8,206,382   | 8,540,864   | + 334,482                                                   | + 281,652                                                   |
| I. Apparel ...                                                                 | 5,354,301                       | 3,893,645   | 3,920,011   | + 26,466                                                    | + 1,434,290                                                 |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ...                                      | 9,184,788                       | 9,266,867   | 9,714,315   | + 447,448                                                   | + 529,527                                                   |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes and gloves) ... | 3,322,827                       | 2,945,758   | 3,500,220   | + 553,472                                                   | + 186,463                                                   |
| L. Earthenware and glass ...                                                   | 2,177,009                       | 2,064,570   | 2,076,411   | + 11,841                                                    | — 100,598                                                   |
| M. Paper ...                                                                   | 1,182,977                       | 1,248,154   | 1,274,671   | + 26,517                                                    | + 91,694                                                    |
| N. Miscellaneous ...                                                           | 14,628,817                      | 14,944,412  | 16,653,696  | + 1,709,484                                                 | + 2,025,079                                                 |
| Total, Class III. ...                                                          | £ 158,133,695                   | 159,242,370 | 175,465,326 | + 16,222,956                                                | + 17,331,631                                                |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) ...</b>          | £ 2,555,695                     | 2,619,484   | 2,988,103   | + 368,621                                                   | + 422,410                                                   |
| Total value ...                                                                | £ 194,063,064                   | 195,300,129 | 212,045,108 | + 17,784,979                                                | + 18,982,064                                                |

**Exports of Foreign and Colonial Produce.**

|                 | £          | £          | £          | £           | £           |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total value ... | 47,568,398 | 47,735,308 | 52,255,407 | + 4,520,190 | + 4,687,109 |

\* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship and are known as the "free on board" values.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in August, 1905.***V.—SHIPPING IN AUGUST, 1905.**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during the month ended 31st August, 1905, amounted to 3,726,451 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 4,366,634 tons, as against 3,719,865 tons entered and 4,193,214 tons cleared in the month of August, 1904. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during August, 1905, amounted to 2,870,743 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 2,801,726 tons, as against 2,837,939 tons entered, and 2,828,510 tons cleared in August, 1904.

**VI.—EIGHT MONTHS' SHIPPING (JANUARY-AUGUST).**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during the eight months ended 31st August, 1905, amounted to 26,368,867 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 32,612,959 tons, as against 26,412,937 tons entered and 32,062,951 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1904. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during the eight months ended 31st August, 1905, amounted to 21,698,945 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 21,314,505 tons, as against 21,437,654 tons entered and 21,055,692 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1904.

**TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.**

The following summary table has been prepared in the Board of Trade, showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to June, 1905, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period, viz., the six months ended June. The corresponding figures for 1904 and 1903 are added for comparison :—

|                        | Imports (see NOTE that follows tables).<br>Six Months ended June. |             |             | Exports (Domestic) (see NOTE<br>that follows tables).<br>Six Months ended June. |             |             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                        | 1903.                                                             | 1904.       | 1905.       | 1903.                                                                           | 1904.       | 1905.       |
|                        | £                                                                 | £           | £           | £                                                                               | £           | £           |
| Germany ... ..         | 150,521,000                                                       | 157,543,000 | 163,331,000 | 118,642,000                                                                     | 124,219,000 | 129,467,000 |
| Belgium* ... ..        | 40,679,000                                                        | 53,106,000  | 55,908,000  | 38,149,000                                                                      | 39,088,000  | 40,571,000  |
| France... ..           | 98,092,000                                                        | 93,419,000  | 95,512,000  | 83,093,000                                                                      | 85,652,000  | 90,923,000  |
| Switzerland ... ..     | 22,125,000                                                        | 22,783,000  | 23,976,000  | 17,072,000                                                                      | 16,906,000  | 17,941,000  |
| Spain* ... ..          | 16,270,000                                                        | 16,236,000  | 18,958,000  | 15,647,000                                                                      | 16,245,000  | 15,570,000  |
| Italy ... ..           | 37,139,000                                                        | 38,275,000  | 40,169,000  | 29,818,000                                                                      | 29,013,000  | 31,508,000  |
| Austria-Hungary ... .. | 39,280,000                                                        | 41,842,000  | 44,859,000  | 41,167,000                                                                      | 43,679,000  | 40,370,000  |
| Egypt ... ..           | 7,743,000                                                         | 8,906,000   | 9,673,000   | 9,328,000                                                                       | 11,344,000  | 9,860,000   |
| United States... ..    | 106,822,000                                                       | 105,904,000 | 123,079,000 | 142,187,000                                                                     | 137,506,000 | 151,885,000 |
| Japan ... ..           | 16,818,000                                                        | 18,493,000  | 28,992,000  | 12,615,000                                                                      | 13,812,000  | 14,319,000  |
| British India... ..    | 26,789,000                                                        | 29,863,000  | 31,826,000  | 49,102,000                                                                      | 54,527,000  | 52,243,000  |
| Canada ... ..          | 25,335,000                                                        | 25,428,000  | 26,783,000  | 18,563,000                                                                      | 15,715,000  | 16,172,000  |
| United Kingdom ... ..  | 224,482,000                                                       | 234,891,000 | 235,077,000 | 142,523,000                                                                     | 144,117,000 | 153,706,000 |

\* Value of principal articles only.

*Trade of Foreign Countries and British Possessions.*

A comparison of the total figures for the seven months ended 31st July is possible for four countries, as follows, viz.:—

|                       | Imports ( <i>see Note</i> ).<br>Seven Months ended July. |             |             | Exports (Domestic) ( <i>see Note</i> ).<br>Seven Months ended July. |             |             |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                       | 1903.                                                    | 1904.       | 1905.       | 1903.                                                               | 1904.       | 1905.       |
|                       | £                                                        | £           | £           | £                                                                   | £           | £           |
| Belgium* ... ..       | 58,801,000                                               | 61,558,000  | 65,401,000  | 45,045,000                                                          | 45,913,000  | 47,406,000  |
| France... ..          | 112,796,000                                              | 106,893,000 | 109,247,000 | 95,651,000                                                          | 99,846,000  | 105,387,000 |
| United States ... ..  | 123,944,000                                              | 120,786,000 | 140,375,000 | 160,855,000                                                         | 154,793,000 | 173,225,000 |
| United Kingdom ... .. | 264,374,000                                              | 270,537,000 | 272,020,000 | 168,398,000                                                         | 168,900,000 | 183,527,000 |

\* Value of *principal* articles only.

NOTE.—In the case of Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Egypt, Japan, Canada and United Kingdom, the import figures given in the above summaries represent imports for home consumption only, *i.e.*, excluding re-exports. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however, they include a certain amount of “nationalised” goods, *i.e.*, goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade, are as follow:—

|                        | Imports.   |            |            | Exports (Domestic). |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                        | 1903.      | 1904.      | 1905.      | 1903.               | 1904.      | 1905.      |
|                        | £          | £          | £          | £                   | £          | £          |
| Russia* (4 months)...  | 18,493,000 | 21,487,000 | 15,587,000 | 27,134,000          | 25,236,000 | 27,792,000 |
| Portugal (1 month) ... | 1,014,000  | 1,131,000  | 1,285,000  | 586,000             | 523,000    | 503,000    |
| Mexico† (4 months)...  | 5,160,000  | 5,445,000  | 5,674,000  | 5,435,000           | 6,044,000  | 6,600,000  |

\* European and Black Sea Frontiers.

† The values of the imports are stated in gold, and the dollar has been converted into English currency at the rate of 4s. The values of the exports are stated in silver, and the dollar has been converted into English currency for the years 1903, 1904, and 1905, at 1s. 8d., 1s. 10d. and 2s. respectively. The figures for Mexico include bullion and specie.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the “Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions,” including figures received up to 31st August, to be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.

## AGRICULTURAL RETURNS OF GREAT BRITAIN, 1905.

The following preliminary statement of the Agricultural Returns of Great Britain for 1905, compiled from the Returns collected on the 5th June last, and with comparisons with 1904, has been issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries:—

## Crops.

| Distribution.                                | 1904.      | 1905.      | Increase. |           | Decrease. |           |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                              | Acres.     | Acres.     | Acres.    | Per Cent. | Acres.    | Per Cent. |
| Total area of land and water                 | 56,787,669 | 56,787,669 | —         | —         | —         | —         |
| Total acreage under all crops and grass* ... | 32,317,610 | 32,286,882 | —         | —         | 30,778    | 0.1       |
| Wheat ... ..                                 | 1,375,284  | 1,796,985  | 421,701   | 30.7      | —         | —         |
| Barley ... ..                                | 1,840,684  | 1,713,664  | —         | —         | 127,020   | 6.9       |
| Oats... ..                                   | 3,252,962  | 3,051,376  | —         | —         | 201,586   | 6.2       |
| Rye... ..                                    | 55,714     | 62,197     | 6,483     | 11.6      | —         | —         |
| Beans ... ..                                 | 252,782    | 254,765    | 1,983     | 0.8       | —         | —         |
| Peas ... ..                                  | 175,608    | 175,235    | —         | —         | 373       | 0.2       |
| Potatoes ... ..                              | 570,209    | 608,471    | 38,262    | 6.7       | —         | —         |
| Turnips and swedes ...                       | 1,604,104  | 1,589,273  | —         | —         | 14,831    | 0.9       |
| Mangold ... ..                               | 398,827    | 404,123    | 5,296     | 1.3       | —         | —         |
| Cabbage ... ..                               | 64,607     | 67,758     | 3,151     | 4.9       | —         | —         |
| Kohl-Rabi... ..                              | 15,607     | 17,587     | 1,980     | 12.7      | —         | —         |
| Rape ... ..                                  | 97,772     | 93,881     | —         | —         | 3,891     | 4.0       |
| Vetches or tares ...                         | 128,229    | 136,429    | 8,200     | 6.4       | —         | —         |
| Lucerne ... ..                               | 55,724     | 53,410     | —         | —         | 2,314     | 4.2       |
| Other crops ... ..                           | 100,947    | 106,120    | 5,173     | 5.1       | —         | —         |
| Clover & rotation grasses—                   |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| For hay ... ..                               | 2,322,895  | 2,189,288  | —         | —         | 133,607   | 5.8       |
| Not for hay ... ..                           | 2,348,600  | 2,288,232  | —         | —         | 60,368    | 2.6       |
| Total ... ..                                 | 4,671,495  | 4,477,520  | —         | —         | 193,975   | 4.2       |
| Permanent grass*—                            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| For hay ... ..                               | 4,765,403  | 4,688,520  | —         | —         | 76,883    | 1.6       |
| Not for hay ... ..                           | 12,332,653 | 12,511,974 | 179,321   | 1.5       | —         | —         |
| Total ... ..                                 | 17,098,056 | 17,200,494 | 102,438   | 0.6       | —         | —         |
| Flax ... ..                                  | 563        | 441        | —         | —         | 122       | 21.7      |
| Hops ... ..                                  | 47,799     | 48,968     | 1,169     | 2.4       | —         | —         |
| Small fruit ... ..                           | 77,947     | 78,822     | 875       | 1.1       | —         | —         |
| Bare fallow ... ..                           | 432,690    | 349,313    | —         | —         | 83,377    | 19.3      |
| Orchards† ... ..                             | 243,008    | 244,323    | 1,315     | 0.5       | —         | —         |

\* Excluding 12,763,099 acres returned as mountain and heath land used for grazing in 1905, and 12,788,156 acres in 1904.

† The acreage of any crop or grass grown under the trees in orchards is also returned under its proper heading.

*Agricultural Returns of Great Britain, 1905.***Live-Stock.**

| Distribution.                                 | 1904.      | 1905.      | Increase. |           | Decrease. |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                               | No.        | No.        | No.       | Per Cent. | No.       | Per Cent. |
| Horses used for agricultural purposes*... ..  | 1,120,247  | 1,122,419  | 2,172     | 0.2       | —         | —         |
| Unbroken horses—<br>1 year and above ... ..   | 301,371    | 310,333    | 8,962     | 3.0       | —         | —         |
| Under 1 year ... ..                           | 138,618    | 189,681    | 1,063     | 0.8       | —         | —         |
| Total of horses ... ..                        | 1,560,236  | 1,572,433  | 12,197    | 0.8       | —         | —         |
| Cows and heifers in milk<br>or in calf ... .. | 2,678,680  | 2,707,392  | 28,712    | 1.1       | —         | —         |
| Other cattle—<br>2 years and above ... ..     | 1,374,636  | 1,415,317  | 40,681    | 3.0       | —         | —         |
| 1 year and under 2 ... ..                     | 1,429,833  | 1,471,070  | 41,237    | 2.9       | —         | —         |
| Under 1 year ... ..                           | 1,375,203  | 1,393,241  | 18,038    | 1.3       | —         | —         |
| Total of cattle ... ..                        | 6,858,352  | 6,987,020  | 128,668   | 1.9       | —         | —         |
| Ewes kept for breeding ... ..                 | 9,880,908  | 9,935,766  | 54,858    | 0.6       | —         | —         |
| Other sheep—<br>1 year and above ... ..       | 5,813,602  | 5,147,517  | —         | —         | 166,085   | 3.1       |
| Under 1 year ... ..                           | 10,012,668 | 10,173,913 | 161,245   | 1.6       | —         | —         |
| Total of sheep ... ..                         | 25,207,178 | 25,257,196 | 50,018    | 0.2       | —         | —         |
| Sows kept for breeding ... ..                 | 382,056    | 335,008    | —         | —         | 47,048    | 12.3      |
| Other pigs ... ..                             | 2,479,588  | 2,089,911  | —         | —         | 389,677   | 15.7      |
| Total of pigs ... ..                          | 2,861,644  | 2,424,919  | —         | —         | 436,725   | 15.3      |

\* Including mares kept for breeding.

### BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

**Amsterdam.**—H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. C. Robinson) states, in a recent communication, that it is an opinion held both by himself and his Vice-Consuls, that in order to create regular and permanent connections, it is a matter of necessity that travellers should regularly visit the principal centres of business, and it is of course very desirable that such travellers should at least know something of foreign languages, French and German especially, where they are not acquainted with the language of the country.

Dealers in the smaller towns buy principally from the larger importers in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, and are not at all likely to deal with British producers by correspondence only.

Prospectuses and prices current should if possible be always drawn up in the Dutch language, and the weights and measures and prices given should be on the metrical system.

**Angola.**—The Acting British Consul at Loanda (Mr. Wm. S. R. Brock), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that British manufactures, with the exception of Manchester goods, which so far have practically no rival, do not hold their own in Angola; not on account of any inherent defect, but simply because they are not pushed. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,478.*)

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### MINING IN GUATEMALA.

The following particulars relating to mines and mining districts in Guatemala are extracted from a despatch to the Foreign Office by the British Commercial Agent in Central America (Mr. E. H. Melville):—

The principal known mining districts of Guatemala are situated on the eastern boundary, both to the north and also to the south, in the Departments of Chiquimula and Yzabal, abutting the Republic of Honduras and that of Salvador. These districts are mountainous, and owing to their complete isolation and lack of communication with the other parts of the Republic, and the difficulty of procuring supplies, there being at the moment very few roads, this part is not generally known to the outer world; in fact, this may also be said of many parts of Guatemala, especially with regard to the Department of Peten, which is almost entirely unknown and is only inhabited by the aboriginal Indians, and concerning which no reliable data are procurable.

On the western boundary, in the Department of Huehuetenango and near to Chiantla, there are said to be very rich copper mines, similar to those of Chiapas in Mexico. These are now being explored, but so far no copper has been found, though the district is rich in lead and a small percentage of silver; the assays that have come to hand show 56 per cent. of lead and 40 ozs. per ton

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of silver. In many other parts of the Republic mines have been discovered and mining rights secured, such as at San Cristobol and Aguil in the Department of Alterverapaz; near Rabinal and Pichec in Baja Verapaz; at San Pedro in the Department of Guatemala; also at Mataquescuintla in the mines of Algeria and Rosario, in the Department of Santa Rosa; at Zalcuapa and Joyabaj on the Rio Grande in the Department of El Quiché; but the only mines that have recently been worked, and which have given and are giving fair results, are those of Quebradas de Oro, on the River Bobos in the Department of Yzabal, where gold has been washed in paying quantities.

The district where mines have been "denounced" and in some instances worked, lies between the Rio de Concepcion to the north, and the Rio de Las Minas to the south; the mining district alluded to is nearly due east of "Los Sillones," on the finca of San José. This estate is in the Department of Chiquimula, and a society was formed under the name of *Société Horta y Cia*, which obtained mining rights from the Government (Decree No. 459, 2nd May, 1900) for a term of 15 years, with the right to import free of duty all material, machinery and necessary appliances; but until the present time very little has been done, owing to the isolated position of these mines, and the difficulty of establishing communication, though the construction of a small line, which might connect with the Guatemala or Northern Railway at Chiquimula, has been under consideration, but the funds for the carrying out of this project, have, it is understood, been lacking; this, if built, would do away with the transportation difficulty.

The names of the mines in this district are as follows:—"La San Julian," comprising five sections, "La San Fernando," "La San Bartolo," "La Soledad," "El Zanjón del Pito," "La Plomosa Grande," "La Santa Sofia," "La Ballena," "El Tajo de Montenegro." The above comprise the mines "denounced" and worked by the "*Société Horta y Cia*," for which mining rights have been secured.

The following mines have been "denounced":—"La San Rafael," "La Nueva Silesia," "Moresnet," "Los Encuentros," "La San Rosendo."

Mr. Melville gives the assays of the foregoing mines as published in the report of "*La Société Horta y Cia*," and also a statement of the districts in which the different metals lie, primarily where copper is known to abound, with the assays that have from time to time been sent to the Government analyst. These may be seen by persons interested at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of "Rules" laid down by H.M. Acting Customs Regulations. Commissioner for the British Central Africa Protectorate, dated 30th June, 1905, under the provisions of the "Customs Regulations, 1895," and the "British Central Africa Liquor Ordinance, 1904."

The present Rules provide that the duty on whisky, brandy, rum, and gin shall be based on the proof strength as shown by Sykes' hydrometer, at a temperature of, as nearly as possible, 80 deg. Fah. When such spirits are mixed with colouring, sweetening or other matter in solution, tending to conceal the actual strength, an addition of five per cent. will be made to the apparent strength, as shown by the hydrometer, in lieu of the test for obscuration.

The strength of all liqueurs, perfumed and other spirits so mixed and sweetened that they cannot be tested by Sykes' hydrometer, shall be assumed to be proof strength, and duty will be charged on the proof gallon accordingly.

Certain provisions are also made in the rules with regard to the bonding of goods in buildings approved by the Commissioner.

### DENMARK-ICELAND.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Danish Law, dated the 29th July, 1905, increasing by 30 per cent. the duties leviable on imports into Iceland under the Tariff of 1901\*, until the end of the year 1907.

### BELGIUM-GERMANY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of the Additional Treaty to the Belgian-German Commercial Treaty of 1891, which was ratified on the 20th June last, and is to come into force, by agreement between the two Governments, on the 1st March, 1906.

The present Additional Treaty continues in force the Treaty of 1891, with certain modifications and additions, principal among which is the substitution of a new schedule of duties to be levied on German imports into Belgium for the corresponding schedule attached to the Treaty of 1891.

It is, however, provided that, in the event of the Belgian Tariff maintaining, for certain articles mentioned in the schedule of duties attached to the new treaty, rates other than those stated in that schedule, the importer shall have his choice between the two rates of duty.

The new schedule, of which a translation will be published in a forthcoming issue of the "Journal," will be equally applicable to imports from the United Kingdom, in accordance with the Exchange of Notes of 1898 by which most-favoured-nation treatment continues to be accorded to this country.

\* See the "Board of Trade Journal" for 20th March, 1902, p. 549.

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#### **SPAIN—SWITZERLAND.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of the text of a provisional Commercial Agreement between Spain and Switzerland, which was concluded at Berne on the 29th August, by means of an Exchange of Notes. The Agreement came into force on the 1st inst., and is to remain in force until the 1st March, 1906; it may be further extended by agreement between the contracting parties.

The contracting parties guarantee to each other reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment as regards duties on imports, including, so far as regards imports into Spain, the tariff reductions specified in the Swiss-Spanish Treaty of the 13th July, 1892; subject, however, to the following modifications:—

1. Spanish sherry and malaga are to be treated in the same way as Italian marsala, moscato, &c.

2. Import duties may be paid in Spain in Spanish currency, in accordance with the existing practice, except as regards the articles specified in the Law of the 24th February, 1902.\*

(3a). The duty of 20 pesetas per 100 kilogs. leviable on "household articles of wrought iron or steel, enamelled," under No. 60(†) of the Spanish Tariff, is to be levied on all articles of that description, except such as are specified in other paragraphs of the Tariff as "office requisites" or "instruments for use in science and arts."

(3b). The duty of 18 pesetas 15 cts. per 100 kilogs., leviable on electric cables for public thoroughfares under No. 305(‡) of the Tariff, is to be applicable to such cables whatever their diameter; but in case of doubt proof may be required that they are actually intended for public thoroughfares.

(3c). The duty of 20 pesetas per 100 kilogs. leviable on alimentary feculæ under No. 366(§) of the Tariff, is to be applicable to milk foods containing sugar.

(3d). The conventional duties on embroideries, according to kind, are to be applicable to the embroideries known as "*broderies aèriennes*."

In accordance with a Spanish Royal Decree of the 30th August, the modifications introduced by this provisional Agreement are to be applicable to similar articles imported into Spain from all countries entitled to most-favoured-nation treatment, including Great Britain and her colonies.

\* This Law required certain import duties to be paid in gold. See "Board of Trade Journal" for 6th March, 1902, pp. 447-9.

† No. 58 *bis* in the Tariff Schedule annexed to the Treaty.

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| ‡ No. 271 | " | " | " | " |
| § No. 334 | " | " | " | " |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington :—

| Customs<br>Decisions. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Paragraph<br>of the Tariff<br>under which<br>dutiable. | Rate of Duty.       |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                        | Dols. cts.          |
|                       | <i>Leicester wool</i> , irrespective of the country of origin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | { 350 }<br>357                                         | Lb. 0 12            |
|                       | <i>Cloth made of cotton and artificial silk</i> , cotton being the component material of chief value ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 322                                                    | 45 % <i>ad val.</i> |
|                       | <i>Goat hair</i> showing merely a trace of Angora blood and unfit for combing purposes ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 571                                                    | Free.               |
|                       | <i>Men's all-silk scarfs</i> , imported in pieces of various lengths, each scarf being definitely indicated by the absence of warp and filling threads at intervals where they have only to be cut to separate them into individual scarfs, and which are adapted for no other use than as scarfs; dutiable as "articles of wearing apparel" ... | 399                                                    | 60 % <i>ad val.</i> |
|                       | <i>Blood char</i> (also known as "bone char"), suitable for use in decolorising sugar ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 97                                                     | 35 % "              |
|                       | [This reverses a previous Decision reported in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 27th July.]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                        |                     |
|                       | <i>Millinery ornaments</i> , in the form of buckles, slides, cabochons, and bars, of base metal, with or without imitation jet or imitation precious stones of glass ...                                                                                                                                                                         | { 112 }<br>or<br>193                                   | 45 % "              |
|                       | <i>Tiles</i> .—Kiln-baked pieces of clay, plain, unglazed, dull yellow in colour, and about 8 by 1½ by 1½ inches in dimensions; dutiable as tiles ...                                                                                                                                                                                            | 88                                                     | Sq. ft. 0 04        |
|                       | <i>Battery carbons</i> .—Cylinders of carbon five-sixteenths of an inch in diameter and 2½ inches long, intended for use as the negative element in pocket batteries of the dry-cell type ...                                                                                                                                                    | 97                                                     | 35 % <i>ad val.</i> |
|                       | <i>Press-cloth composed of hair</i> , and containing no wool, nor hair of the Angora goat, alpaca or other like animal ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 431                                                    | Sq. yd. 0 20        |
|                       | <i>Soadine</i> ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3                                                      | 25 % <i>ad val.</i> |

*Defective steel rails*.—New steel rails which, by reason of certain defects, have depreciated in value, but which are still rails and have not lost their character or identity as such, and which are not shown to be unfit for uses other than as scrap iron, are dutiable as "rails" under paragraph 130 of the Tariff, at the rate of seven-twentieths of a cent per lb.

*Wood pulp*.—The duty on wood pulp under paragraph 393 of the Tariff is one-twelfth of a cent per lb., *dry weight*. It has now been decided that "dry weight" in this connection is to be taken as

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#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

meaning the air dry weight as understood in commerce, and not the absolute dry weight.

*Depreciated Currency.—Consular Certificate.*—Where merchandise is entered upon a *pro forma* invoice and the Consular invoice is thereafter produced, the requirements of the statute and of the regulations requiring a certificate of depreciation in the value of currency to be attached to the invoice, are satisfied if such certificate of depreciation is attached to the *Consular* invoice, and not to the *pro forma* invoice.

*Unusual coverings.*—When merchandise is imported contained in unusual coverings, the value of these unusual coverings is not to be added to the intrinsic value of the merchandise, but such coverings are to be assessed separately, and duty collected thereon at the rate they would bear if not used to contain the merchandise.

*Paraffin.—Countervailing duty.*—Where a country assesses a specific duty upon the gross weight of petroleum and the products of petroleum exported from the United States to that country, the countervailing duty leviable under paragraph 626 of the Tariff upon similar merchandise coming from that country is likewise to be assessed upon the gross weight.

*Protests unsupported by evidence.—Estoppel.*—Importers who have failed, after due notice, to introduce evidence in support of their contentions in protest cases before the Board, are estopped from the introduction of such evidence before a higher tribunal in appeal from decisions of the Board wherein the appellants have been defaulted on the ground of non-appearance, the latter being, constructively, an abandonment of their protests.

*Undervaluation.—Forfeiture.—Additional Duties.*—Section 7 of the Customs Administrative Act of 1890, as amended by Section 32 of the Tariff Act of 1897, requires the payment of an additional duty of 1 per cent. of the total appraised value of goods for each 1 per cent. by which such appraised value exceeds the value declared in the entry; and provides further that, if the appraised value of any merchandise exceeds the value declared in the entry by more than 50 per cent., the merchandise is to be forfeited. It has now been decided that in the case of goods thus forfeited for under-valuation, both the ordinary import duties leviable on the goods, and the additional duties leviable under the first part of Section 7 of the Act referred to, are required to be paid.

A Parcel Post Convention is now in force between the United

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Convention with  
Australia.**

States and the Commonwealth of Australia, the terms of which are similar to those of the Convention between the United States and Japan, and the regulations concerning the latter (*see* "Board of Trade Journal" for 8th September, 1904, p. 456) are made applicable to the Convention with Australia.

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#### MEXICO.

The following is the concluding portion of a translation of the most important paragraphs of the revised Customs Tariff for Mexico, which came into force on the 1st inst.

A copy and translation of the complete Tariff may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Unit.             | Duty.       |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   | Pesos. cts. |
| 608 | Globes for incandescent electric light, switches, contacts, and their pins, cut-outs, rosettes, and safety switches .. ..                                                                                                                                                                         | Kilog. gross      | 0 11        |
| 609 | Scientific apparatus and instruments ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | —                 | Free.       |
| 610 | Automatic toys, worked by strings, steam, or electricity ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Kilog. legal      | 0 80        |
| 611 | Electric arc lamps ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Kilog. gross      | 0 06        |
| 612 | Machinery of all kinds for industrial, agricultural, and mining purposes, and for the arts, not specified, as also detached and spare parts thereof ... ..                                                                                                                                        | 100 kilogs. gross | 1 65        |
| 623 | Carts, cars, waggons, and all kinds of vehicles, not specified, for commerce, agriculture and the transport of merchandise; weighing not more than 200 kilogrammes each ... ..                                                                                                                    | Kilog. net        | 0 22        |
| 624 | The same, weighing more than 200 kilogrammes each ... ..<br>(Duty is levied on the first 200 kilogrammes at the rate of 22 cts. per kilog., and on each additional kilogramme at the appropriate rate.)                                                                                           | 100 kilogs. net   | 5 50        |
| 625 | Barrows with one or more wheels, and detached and spare parts thereof, when they cannot be used for any other purpose ... ..                                                                                                                                                                      | 100 kilogs. gross | 1 65        |
| 626 | Cars and coaches of all kinds, for railways, and spare parts thereof, when they cannot be made use of for any other purpose ... ..                                                                                                                                                                | —                 | Free        |
| 627 | Carriages or automobiles of all kinds not specially mentioned, exclusively for the conveyance of persons: weighing not more than 250 kilogrammes ... ..                                                                                                                                           | Kilog. net        | 0 66        |
| 628 | The same, weighing more than 250 kilogrammes but not more than 750 kilogrammes<br>(Duty is levied on the first 250 kilogrammes of each conveyance at the rate of 66 cts. per kilog., and on each additional kilogramme up to 750 kilogs. at the rate of 55 cts. per kilogramme.)                  | " "               | 0 55        |
| 629 | The same, weighing more than 750 kilogrammes ... ..<br>(Duty is levied on the first 250 kilogrammes of each conveyance at the rate of 66 cts. per kilog.; on each of the next 500 kilogrammes at the rate of 55 cts. per kilog.; and on each additional kilog. at the rate of 45 cts. per kilog.) | " "               | 0 45        |

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| No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Unit.             | Duty.               |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 630 | Carriages in the rough, not upholstered nor painted: weighing up to 250 kilogrammes...                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Kilog. net.       | Pesoa. Cts.<br>0 33 |
| 631 | The same, weighing more than 250 kilogrammes but not more than 750 kilogrammes<br>(Duty is levied on the first 250 kilogrammes at the rate of 33 cts. per kilog.; and on each additional kilog. up to 750 kilogs. at the rate of 22 cts. per kilog.)                                        | " "               | 0 22                |
| 632 | The same, weighing more than 750 kilogrammes...<br>(Duty is levied on the first 250 kilogrammes of each vehicle at the rate of 33 cts. per kilog.; on each of the following 500 kilogs. at the rate of 22 cts. per kilog.; and on each additional kilog. at the rate of 11 cts. per kilog.) | Kilog. net.       | 0 11                |
| 633 | Vessels of all kinds ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | —                 | Free                |
| 634 | Front running gear and separate wheels for carts or carriages ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Kilog. net.       | 0 30                |
| 635 | Tricycles without rubber tyres ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | " "               | 0 30                |
| 636 | Velocipedes of all kinds, not specified, and detached or spare parts thereof ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                         | " "               | 1 10                |
| 642 | Dynamite, blasting powder, pyroxilin or gun cotton, and other explosives, not specified ...                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 100 kilogs. gross | 3 30                |
| 647 | Lubricating oils ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Kilog. gross      | 0 06                |
| 654 | Engine belting of indiarubber (whether imported with the machinery or not) ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                           | " "               | 0 11                |
| 656 | Buttons covered or woven of silk, or of a tissue containing silk ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Kilog. legal      | 1 50                |
| 657 | Buttons covered with a tissue not containing silk ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | " "               | 0 50                |
| 661 | Rubber hose, even combined with tissue ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | " "               | 0 12                |
| 663 | Strainers and sieves of silk, horsehair, leather, or wire ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | " "               | 0 30                |
| 671 | Patterns (uppers) of boots, slippers, and low shoes—<br>Of tissue not containing silk ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                | " "               | 1 00                |
| 672 | Patterns (uppers) of boots, slippers, and low shoes—<br>Of cloth containing silk ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Kilog. net        | 9 00                |
| 676 | Designs, moulds, models, and patterns for arts and industries ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | —                 | Free                |
| 677 | Packing of all kinds and materials for machinery ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Kilog. legal      | 0 04                |
| 685 | Tools of all kinds ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 100 kilogs. legal | 5 50                |
| 687 | Boots and shoes of indiarubber, even containing tissue ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Kilog. legal      | 1 00                |
| 690 | Urinals and closets, and detached or spare parts thereof, when they cannot be applied to any other purpose ... ..                                                                                                                                                                           | Kilog. gross      | 0 10                |
| 691 | Musical instruments ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Kilog. legal      | 0 55                |
| 692 | Soap, scented ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | " "               | 1 00                |
| 693 | Soap, unscented ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | " "               | 0 25                |
| 697 | Type, rulers, chases, rules, rollers, composing galleys, composing sticks, and other articles for use in printing and lithography ...                                                                                                                                                       | 100 kilogs. gross | 1 50                |
| 704 | Clothing of cloth coated with indiarubber ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Kilog. legal      | 2 50                |
| 711 | Oilcloth of all kinds ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Kilog. gross      | 0 33                |
| 713 | Printing ink, black ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | —                 | Free                |

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#### **MEXICO—continued.**

In accordance with Article 3 of the Decree promulgating the new Tariff, no additional duties are to be levied on imports over and above the duties specified in the tariff, except the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 per cent. tax levied by the Customs on behalf of the municipalities under the general Customs Regulations, and (where necessary) the loading and unloading dues provided by the Decree of the 1st July, 1898.

All regulations and provisions of Law in conflict with the present Decree are abrogated, including especially:—

(a) The Decree of the 25th November, 1902,\* with reference to the method of calculating import duties;

(b) Article 106 of the Law of the 25th April, 1893, and Article 4 of the Law of the 4th May, 1895, imposing stamp duties on foreign playing cards and on foreign alcoholic and fermented beverages.

(c) Article 3 of the Decree of the 23rd February, 1897, reducing to 50 per cent., the import duties on iron pipes for the installation of urban water supply.

The special exemptions accorded in favour of the mining industry (†), and to imports into the Quintana Roo Territory (‡), are, however, maintained.

#### **NICARAGUA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt through the Foreign Office of a translation of a Decree of the President of Nicaragua, imposing import duties on certain articles formerly admitted duty-free, and increasing the import duties leviable on certain other articles, in order to provide revenue for the maintenance of public instruction in Nicaragua. The Decree came into force three months after publication, i.e., on the 19th August.

*I. The following articles, formerly on the free-list, now pay the undermentioned duties:—*

| Articles.                                                                   | Duty per Kilog.        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                             | Pesos. Cts.            |
| Barbed wire for fences ... ..                                               | 0 01                   |
| Iron cisterns and water tanks ... ..                                        | 0 05                   |
| Roman and Portland cement ... ..                                            | 0 02                   |
| Iron pipes, including cocks ... ..                                          | 0 02                   |
| Lumber for building purposes, tongued and grooved, or planed, or not ... .. | Per 1,000 feet<br>2 00 |

\* See "Board of Trade Journal" for the 24th December, 1903, p. 597-9.

† " " " " 11th May, 1905, p. 260.

‡ " " " " 20th July, 1905, p. 124.

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*II. The following articles now pay the undermentioned duties in addition to the duties provided in the Customs Tariff :—*

| Articles.                                                            | Additional<br>Duty per Kilog.                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                      | Pesos. Cts.                                            |
| Cocoa-nut and palm ( <i>coyol</i> ) oil ... ..                       | 0 10                                                   |
| Mineral oils, crude ... ..                                           | 0 02                                                   |
| Perfumed toilet waters ... ..                                        | 0 20                                                   |
| Sugar, refined and unrefined ... ..                                  | 0 15                                                   |
| Empty barrels ... ..                                                 | 0 25                                                   |
| Bars of iron, round or octagonal ... ..                              | 0 03                                                   |
| Pottery ... ..                                                       | 0 04                                                   |
| Cable or rope made from agave, hemp, or other vegetable fibre ... .. | 0 06                                                   |
| Cordage of hemp or other vegetable fibre ... ..                      | 0 10                                                   |
| Agave, hemp, or henequen fibre ... ..                                | 0 03                                                   |
| Beer ... ..                                                          | 0 04                                                   |
| Ordinary iron staples ... ..                                         | 0 03                                                   |
| „ pilot bread and soda biscuits ... ..                               | 0 05                                                   |
| Common washing soap ... ..                                           | 0 01                                                   |
| Timber, in the rough ... ..                                          | 0 03                                                   |
| Wooden furniture ... ..                                              | 0 20                                                   |
| Hay or forage ... ..                                                 | 0 01                                                   |
| Sacks or bags of linen, jute, or hemp... ..                          | 0 03                                                   |
| Candles, Sperm ... ..                                                | 0 05                                                   |
| Dry wine not exceeding 20 degrees of alcoholic strength—             |                                                        |
| In bottles ... ..                                                    | 0 12                                                   |
| In other vessels ... ..                                              | 0 20                                                   |
| Cognac in bottles, and whisky—                                       |                                                        |
| For each centilitre of alcoholic strength ... ..                     | 0 01                                                   |
| Hats, boots and shoes, of all kinds ... ..                           | 20 % of the<br>Customs duties<br>according to<br>kind. |

### JAPAN.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 368 of the "Journal" for the 24th August, respecting the new regulations for the Customs clearance of goods at Yokohama, the Board of Trade have now received information through the Foreign Office to the effect that similar regulations have been put into force at Kobe. It is also stated that the period allowed at that port for clearing goods through the Customs without warehouse charges has been fixed at four days, as at Yokohama.



## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

According to the report of H.M. Consul at Prague (Captain A. Wentworth Forbes) there was an increase of 115 miles of railway on the Austrian Government lines during the year 1904. The total receipts were 12,050,899 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., an increase of 391,042 $\frac{1}{2}$ . on the previous year. The number of passengers carried was 50,981,430, an increase over 1903 of 3,247,824, or 6·8 per cent. The goods carried amounted to 33,657,088 tons, being 1,453,492 tons, or 4·51 per cent., more than in the preceding year. The result of the year's working showed that 2·48 per cent. had been earned on the capital invested. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,486.*)

### TUNIS.

H.M. Consul-General at Tunis (Mr. E. J. L. Berkeley, C.B.) reports that the increase of traffic and the opening up of the phosphate and ore mines have rendered necessary certain improvements in Tunis harbour. The present dock for sailing vessels, which measures 100 metres long by 70 wide and 6 metres 50 c. deep, will be made 270 metres long by about 120 metres wide and 6 metres 50 c. deep. New landing-stages will be constructed which will permit the vessels to lie alongside, and a railway line will be laid along the quay and made to join the main line. The new dock for sailing vessels is being constructed at the end of the old channel, and will measure 180 metres long by 100 metres wide and 4 metres 50 c. deep. This work is almost completed. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,492.*)

### MEXICO.

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico of the 8th August publishes the text of an agreement entered into by S.S. Service from Mobile to Mexican Ports. Señor Manuel Sanchez Marmol, the representative of Messrs. J. R. Markley and I. B. Miller, for the establishment of a service of steamers between Mobile and Mexican ports on the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico.

The "Diario" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 78, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

The "Diario Oficial" of the 15th August contains the text of an agreement entered into between the S.S. Service between New York and Tampico. New York and Cuba Mail Shipping Company and the Mexican Government for the establishment of a weekly service of steamers between New York, Havana, Progreso, Vera Cruz, and Tampico.

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**PANAMA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 320 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 17th August, H.M. Consul at Panama (Mr. C. Mallett, C.M.G.), reports that the rates from New York to Panama have been reduced approximately 50 per cent., and that as the exclusive contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for the transportation of through freight to the North of Panama terminated on 12th July last, the business is now open to all established lines of steamships having regular sailings.

**Reduction in  
Freight Rates  
from New York  
to Panama.**

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**ARGENTINA.**

H.M. Consul at Rosario (Mr. H. M. Mallet), in a despatch to the Foreign Office, has transmitted copy of a work dealing with the Port of Rosario, published by the French Company engaged in the construction and working of the port. This work, which includes a series of charts, may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

**Port of Rosario.**

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**JAPAN-FORMOSA.**

H.M. Consul at Tainan (Mr. A. E. Wileman), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, states that the northern and southern sections of the trunk railway which is to connect Kelung and the capital, Taihoku, in the north with Takow in the south were proceeded with satisfactorily during the year 1904, the northern section having been completed as far as Hokkoko, and the southern section as far as Dakusui. The total mileage of the Formosan Railway open to traffic in 1904 was 208 miles. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,490.*)

**Progress of  
Trans-Formosan  
Government  
Railway.**

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**MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.****GERMANY.**

A despatch has been received from H.M. Consul at Munich (Mr. L. Buchmann), giving particulars of a new scheme to obtain water-power in the mountains of Upper Bavaria from Lakes Walchen (802 metres) and Kochel (600 metres). The project consists in making use of the difference of the 200 metres (about 660 feet) between the level of the two lakes to produce the greatest hydraulic power for generating electricity Germany will

**Proposed Water-  
Power Plant in  
Bavaria.**

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possess. The turbines would be established in Lake Kochel. The power obtained by this natural fall is calculated to equal 20,000 horse-power.

The scheme includes the building of a canal between the two lakes, the tapping of the river feeding Lake Walchen, the construction of a weir, &c.

It remains to be seen whether foreign capital and labour will be admitted towards a realisation of the scheme.

#### **PORTUGAL—CHINDE.**

The British Vice-Consul at Chinde (Mr. S. H. Fletcher) reports under date of 13th July last:—"The discoveries

**Gold Discovery.** of gold, silver and copper made some 18 months ago in the territories of the Companhia da Zambesia, and referred to in the last report from Chinde (Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,211), are now beginning to be thought important. Two experts have been sent up by a Berlin house to report on the alleged deposits. Should their report be as favourable as is expected in some quarters, considerable developments may be looked for. It appears that there are two goldfields, called respectively Chifumbase and Missale, situated some 100 or 150 miles north-west of Tete. The Companhia da Zambesia is desirous of opening up these gold properties, and has appointed a commissioner of mines with full powers to deal with these matters. His offices are at Tete, but a pamphlet in English giving a brief account of the mining regulations may be obtained at the head offices at Lisbon." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,495.*)

#### **ITALY.**

H.M. Consul-General at Naples (Mr. E. Neville Rolfe, M.V.O.), in a supplementary report on the trade of South Italy states that some excitement has prevailed in the local coal trade at Naples from the rumour that the German companies were going to combine and make a very large coal depôt. This "combine," it was stated, would eventually sell coal to all comers, and compete seriously with the existing local trade, which is a very important one. Such a "combine" would also seriously affect British shipping, as the coal would be carried in German bottoms. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,496.*)

#### **AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from the Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvani), transmitting the following note on the subject of the competition between German and British coal in that city:—

**Competition between German and British Coal at Trieste.** The Trieste Municipal Gas Works, having to cover their supply of 50,000 tons of coal for 1905, opened a com-

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#### **AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—continued.**

petition. Of the 23 competitors, all were British firms with the exception of one German. The result has been that 30,000 tons have been ordered from a Newcastle firm at 8s. 8d.\*; whilst 10,000 tons have been ordered from the German firm at 8s. 6d.† The two qualities of coal chosen (the English and German) are equal for the purpose required. Regarding the 10,000 tons to be purchased, the Municipal Gas Works has decided to wait and watch how the coal market goes. American coal could not be taken into consideration on account of the heavy freights.

H.M. Consul at Prague (Capt. A. Wentworth Forbes) reports that the amount of gold produced in Bohemia in the year 1904 was 89,0951 kilos., as against 7,877 kilos. for the previous year; this increase was due to the fact that the Mount Roudny gold mine, a British undertaking, commenced crushing on 1st September last year.

A second mine at Krasna Hora, which is also a British venture, was to commence work in September, 1905, with a plant capable at first of treating 50 tons of ore per day.

Mining claims have been taken up by British, French, and local companies, and the gold mining industry, which for so many years lay dormant in Bohemia, bids well to become one of some importance. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,486.*)

NOTE.—1 kilo. = 32.15 oz. troy.

#### **ROUMANIA.**

According to statistics published in the "Bollettino delle Finanze" (Rome) of the 8rd September, the production of petroleum in Roumania during the first six months of 1905 amounted to 272,167 tons, as compared with 273,813 tons during the preceding six months, and 223,076 tons during the first six months of 1904. The "Bollettino" adds that several fresh oil wells are being bored.

### **YARNS AND TEXTILES.**

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The following statement, showing the exports of cotton goods (domestic manufacture) from the United States to the undermentioned countries during the seven months ended July, 1904 and 1905, has been compiled from the official statistics issued by the United States Government:—

\* F.o.b. Newcastle, freight and insurance excluded.  
† F.o.b. Rotterdam, " " "

*Yarns and Textiles.*

| To                                                          | Seven months ended July. |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                             | 1904.                    | 1905.             |
| <b>Coloured and uncoloured cloths—</b>                      | <b>Yards.</b>            | <b>Yards.</b>     |
| United Kingdom ... ..                                       | 1,096,957                | 1,934,736         |
| France ... ..                                               | —                        | —                 |
| Germany ... ..                                              | 49,159                   | 75,614            |
| Other Europe ... ..                                         | 523,484                  | 1,363,561         |
| British North America ... ..                                | 5,648,153                | 5,997,992         |
| Central America and British Honduras ... ..                 | 13,934,882               | 17,107,227        |
| Mexico ... ..                                               | 1,651,062                | 2,052,483         |
| Cuba ... ..                                                 | 6,189,062                | 12,026,261        |
| Other West Indies and Bermuda ... ..                        | 10,801,577               | 14,662,118        |
| Argentina ... ..                                            | 1,457,428                | 2,389,453         |
| Brazil ... ..                                               | 4,679,337                | 6,062,449         |
| Chile ... ..                                                | 6,692,894                | 7,613,760         |
| Colombia ... ..                                             | 7,661,949                | 5,694,968         |
| Venezuela ... ..                                            | 3,489,659                | 4,461,496         |
| Other South America ... ..                                  | 3,864,672                | 4,804,992         |
| Chinese Empire ... ..                                       | 63,130,666               | 308,291,732       |
| British East Indies ... ..                                  | 2,951,340                | 5,310,516         |
| Hong-Kong ... ..                                            | 106,533                  | 299,284           |
| Japan ... ..                                                | 303,532                  | 9,815,337         |
| British Australasia ... ..                                  | 3,341,442                | 4,637,619         |
| Philippine Islands ... ..                                   | 2,849,552                | 8,778,616         |
| Other Asia and Oceania ... ..                               | 11,851,339               | 18,071,707        |
| British Africa ... ..                                       | 3,824,930                | 4,052,062         |
| All other Africa ... ..                                     | 441,933                  | 369,165           |
| Total quantity ... .. Yards                                 | 156,541,880              | 440,873,148       |
| Total value ... .. Dols.                                    | 9,684,155                | 27,515,156        |
| <b>Other cotton goods—</b>                                  | <b>Dollars.</b>          | <b>Dollars.</b>   |
| United Kingdom ... ..                                       | 692,331                  | 583,543           |
| Belgium ... ..                                              | 62,063                   | 91,564            |
| France ... ..                                               | 6,264                    | 15,408            |
| Germany ... ..                                              | 519,331                  | 287,477           |
| Netherlands ... ..                                          | 15,984                   | 18,305            |
| Other Europe ... ..                                         | 50,175                   | 52,529            |
| British North America ... ..                                | 1,518,558                | 1,442,926         |
| Central America and British Honduras ... ..                 | 332,283                  | 396,551           |
| Mexico ... ..                                               | 295,192                  | 378,114           |
| Cuba ... ..                                                 | 174,533                  | 230,019           |
| Other West Indies and Bermuda ... ..                        | 149,079                  | 140,887           |
| Argentina ... ..                                            | 107,336                  | 223,094           |
| Brazil ... ..                                               | 61,220                   | 44,383            |
| Chile ... ..                                                | 11,247                   | 11,173            |
| Colombia ... ..                                             | 65,037                   | 27,909            |
| Venezuela ... ..                                            | 26,218                   | 12,699            |
| Other South America ... ..                                  | 26,381                   | 30,515            |
| Chinese Empire ... ..                                       | 32,345                   | 245,261           |
| British East Indies ... ..                                  | 7,135                    | 4,123             |
| Hong-Kong ... ..                                            | 15,288                   | 34,088            |
| British Australasia ... ..                                  | 248,092                  | 264,876           |
| Philippine Islands ... ..                                   | 38,864                   | 50,800            |
| Other Asia and Oceania ... ..                               | 91,274                   | 201,056           |
| British Africa ... ..                                       | 83,277                   | 162,418           |
| All other Africa ... ..                                     | 6,451                    | 7,958             |
| Other countries ... ..                                      | 3,065                    | 3,492             |
| Total value ... .. Dols.                                    | 4,638,963                | 4,959,168         |
| <b>Grand total value of all cotton goods exported</b> Dols. | <b>14,323,118</b>        | <b>32,474,324</b> |

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 9th September, 1905, were as follows:—

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Wheat ... ..  | 27s. 1d.  |
| Barley ... .. | 23s. 4d.  |
| Oats ... ..   | 15s. 11d. |

For further particulars see p. 520.

A statement is published on p. 521, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 9th September, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

### BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

With reference to the article on p. 231 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 2nd February last, H.M. Consul-General at Naples (Mr. E. Neville Rolfe, M.V.O.), reports that some cocoons grown at Mombasa were sent to his Consulate-General by H.M. Commissioner, Mr. Hinde, who had grown them experimentally. A firm of silk manufacturers have reported favourably on them, but unfortunately the quantity sent was not sufficient to enable the crucial experiment of winding silk from them to be tried. Next season, says Mr. Neville Rolfe, better results may be hoped for. Mr. Hinde says that the mulberry, which is a slow-growing tree in Europe, grows with great rapidity in Central Africa, and he has every hope that the cultivation will spread, and that the growing of silk may become an important attraction to emigrants. At first the cocoons would be sent to the Italian market, where they would realise as much as 4s. per lb. as a minimum. The carriage by sea from Mombasa to Naples is cheap and direct, and the product, being made from mulberry leaves alone, should in a few years, with care, improve in quality, and consequently in price. The cultivation requires but little labour, and that of a light kind. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,496.*)

### BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.

Referring to the particulars given at pp. 349-50 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 24th November, 1904, respecting cotton cultivation in the British Central Africa Protectorate, the British Vice-Consul at Chinde (Mr. S. H. Fletcher), in his recent report to the Foreign Office, writes:—

"It may be of interest to quote the experience of a British company which has recently gone in extensively for cotton on the Lower Shiré River, although the plantations are situated in British Central Africa and not in the Portuguese territories with which this report deals.

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"In January, 1904, this company experimented in planting a small area with Egyptian cotton. This did well, and the following July the trial crop was sent home. The cotton was pronounced to be of unusually long staple and good quality; it was spun into 60's yarn by a Lancashire mill, and was valued at 7½d. or 8d. per lb. As a result the company decided to enter upon cotton growing on a large scale. At the present time over 2,000 acres are under cotton, and costly machinery has been obtained from the United Kingdom and is now practically ready for the work of ginning and pressing the crop. Samples of the present (1905) crop prove to be worth 7½d. per lb., which, in view of the general fall in prices on the cotton market is considered satisfactory. The company estimates that this year's crop, raised without artificial irrigation, will yield between 1,500 and 1,800 bales, weighing 400 lbs. each, an average of from 325 to 350 lbs. to the acre.

"The soil is alluvial and rich, and it is anticipated that no artificial manures will be required for several years. The labour for the plantations comes mostly from British and Portuguese Angoniland, and the men have shown fair aptitude for the work.

"The time for planting is from December to February, and is coincident with the commencement of the rainy season. So far the prospects are encouraging, even though the cost of transport from Chiromo on the Lower Shiré to Liverpool is 2l. 7s. 6d. per ton (40 cubic feet)." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,495.*)

### URUGUAY.

The following particulars of the silk industry of Uruguay are taken from the "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" of the 24th August:—

**Proposed  
Development of  
Silk Industry.**

The Uruguayan Minister of Fomento has recently purchased a number of mulberry trees in Argentina with a view to initiating silkworm rearing in the Department of Canelones, Uruguay. There is already a certain amount of mulberry cultivation carried on near Monte Video, and it is hoped that a development of the silk industry will prove a permanent source of revenue to the country.

Silk cultivation was commenced in Argentina some few years back, and so successful have been the results that it is confidently expected that in five years' time the production of cocoons in that country will equal the French and Italian production combined. The climate of the Department of Canelones, Uruguay, is very similar to that of Argentina, so it is hoped that a similar success will be attained there.

An engineer who organised the sales of mulberry trees, silkworms and sericultural apparatus in Argentina is about to open an exhibition of native silk at Monte Video. This exhibition is to be under the patronage of the President of Uruguay.

## MISCELLANEOUS. UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 7th September, 1905, **Cotton Statistics.** was 44,572 (including 7 bales British West Indian) and the number imported during the 36 weeks ended the 7th September was 2,755,941 (including 3,846 bales British West Indian and 2,738 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 7th September, 1905, 2,967 bales, and for the 36 weeks, 286,221.

For further details see p. 520.

A return showing the number of bales of cotton imported and exported, forwarded from ports to Inland towns, and returned to ports during the month and eight months ended 31st August last, will be found on p. 519.

## FRANCE.

A communication has been received at the Board of Trade, through the Foreign Office, calling attention to group IX., Oceanography, of the Colonial Exhibition, to be held at Marseilles in 1906. In connection with this section an Oceanographic Congress is being organised.

The following information regarding the leather industry of Lyons is taken from a report by H.M. Consul at that city (Mr. L. C. Liddell), recently issued by the Foreign Office (*Miscellaneous Series*, 638):—

“The Department of the Rhone is advantageously placed as regards leather, and raw material is easily obtained. Oxen, cows, calves and sheep slaughtered at Lyons provide skins, of good quality. The Dauphiny and Italy furnish kid and lamb skins, Algeria, Tunis and Morocco contribute goat skins through Marseilles. . . .

“Chrome tanning is a branch that has made much progress since its introduction. . . .

“The total production of leather at Lyons is estimated at about 850,000/. The immediate neighbourhood consumes about one-third of the total output, one-third is consumed in other parts of France, and the remaining third is exported.

“For the last 10 years, however, the hide and skin trade has not been flourishing. The dressed calf and kid-skins, which formed the speciality of the Lyons industry, were rejected by buyers, who preferred chrome tanned skins. The introduction of chrome tanning was somewhat slow, and this revolution in the industry caused many failures among the less prosperous factories. At the present time, however, the French tanning industry is well equipped and capable of holding its own against foreign competition. Three years ago the “Ecole française de tannerie” was started in Lyons, with excellent results, and now supplies the scientific branch of the leather industry with capable experts.”



*Miscellaneous.***PORTUGAL—MADEIRA.**

H.M. Consul at Madeira (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars), in his recent report, remarks upon the falling-off in the exportation of Madeira wickerwork, statistics showing a decrease of three tons in 1904, which represents a larger decline in the export than would appear at first sight—in view of the extreme lightness of the work. By far the greater part of the total of 141 tons went to the United Kingdom and the Cape of Good Hope.

The work is entirely done by peasants in the mountain villages, and, having regard to its excellence and cheapness as compared with Austro-Hungarian and other work of the same character, it is curious that there is not an even greater demand for it at home, though, indeed, the Customs returns do not really represent the total output, as a large retail trade is done in chairs and baskets among the visitors and on board the mail steamers, both outward and homeward bound. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,475.*)

**ITALY.**

The Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari), in a note on the competition of Italian manufactures with those of Austria, remarks that the extraordinary development observed lately in Italian industry, principally due to cheap labour, gives Italy the first place, in some articles, in competition for the world's trade.

From an Austrian official report just published, it appears that, with the exception of the produce of spinning mills (goods manufactured to suit Balkan States), where Austria is still successfully competing with English, German, and Italian products, Italy is going ahead to the detriment of Austria with her export, especially to the East, of laces, printed calico, printed fustian and flannels, printed woollen goods, copying and commercial books and other articles of Italian industry.

**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

The Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvari) reports that although certain qualities of gum are now imported direct from the places of origin to Hamburg, the United States, &c., the port of Trieste still remains an important market for the gum trade. News from the producing countries has lately reached Trieste, stating that the new crop will be two-thirds less than that of the preceding year (90,000 cantara\* against 290,000 cantara), and, therefore, prices have considerably increased. Mr. Salvari is also informed that the Trieste stock is (with the exception of 50 fardit†) totally exhausted.

\* One cantara is equal to 44 kilograms.

† One fardo equals 150 kilograms or about 330 lbs.

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#### PANAMA.

With reference to the notice on p. 82 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 13th July, H.M. Consul at Panama (Mr. C. Mallet, C.M.G.), states that, as **Currency.** the three millions of silver dollars of the new Panama currency in circulation in the Republic have been found insufficient to meet the growing requirements of commerce and the disbursements connected with canal works, the United States and Panama Governments have arranged that one million dollars additional shall be minted and issued immediately, in coins of one dollar each, or "cincuenta centesimos de balboa" as they are called.

To ensure the parity of the gold and silver currency of the Republic (two silver dollars the equivalent of one dollar gold), the Monetary Law ordered a deposit to be made in the United States of 15 per cent. in gold on the total amount of the silver currency placed in circulation in the Republic; and accordingly, in May of this year, the Panama Government invested with the Bankers' Trust Company of New York, a sum of two hundred and twenty five thousand dollars, earning interest at 3 per cent. per annum, to which will now have to be added seventy-five thousand dollars more in gold to guarantee the parity of the new issue of one million dollars, which the Philadelphia Mint is actually coining.

#### CHILE.

The "Diario Oficial" of Chile of the 20th July, contains the text of a Law respecting the concession of lands for colonisation, and for development by industrial firms, or private individuals.

**Law respecting  
the Concession of  
Lands for  
Colonisation.**

The "Diario" containing the text of the conditions under which such concessions are to be granted, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from the Acting British Consul-General at Valparaiso (Mr. A. L. Rowley), from which it appears that during the first six months of 1905 the revenue of the various Customs-houses of the Republic amounted to 24,467,335 dols. from export duties and 14,859,992 dols. from import duties, making a gross total of 39,327,377 dols. During the same period of 1904, including the Arica Custom-house, the total revenue collected from exports and imports was 21,316,133 dols. and 15,466,409 dols. respectively. Export duties increased during

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1905 by 3,151,252 dols. This increase is due to the progressive development of the nitrate industry.

The decrease in the import duties during the same period amounted to 606,417 dols. This decrease principally occurred at the ports adjacent to the agricultural districts, and is due to the poor cereal harvests, which have affected the resources and consequent consumption of the majority of the inhabitants of those districts.

It is to be feared that the effect of these bad harvests will be felt until next year owing to the actual stock of grain being insufficient to meet the home requirements. The heavy rains which fell during May and June have also seriously interfered with the sowing in the central provinces. A cargo of 2,093 tons of wheat has already been received at Valparaiso from Australia.

NOTE.—Dol. = 1s. 6d.

**PERU.**

The British Vice-Consul at Perené and Chanchamayo (Mr. J. A. Furlong), reports that the output of Peruvian bark last year fell to 50 quintals against 400 quintals in 1903. This is caused by the difficulty of getting labourers to gather the bark, coupled with the low price of 4 soles (8s.) paid for it by the La Merced merchants, placed in their stores. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,491.)

**ARGENTINA.**

H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross, C.B.), in reviewing the condition of the quebracho industry of the Argentine Chaco, states that the present price of quebracho renders forest business in that district a very profitable one, and large prices have recently been paid for forest land. The prices that land fetches, though much higher than in former years, still leave a margin for profit—e.g., a sale was effected recently at 80,000 dols. (7,000l.) a league. A ton of quebracho costs, including cutting, carting, railway carriage and loading on steamer, 20 dols. (1l. 15s.) per ton. This leaves a profit of 20 dols. (1l. 15s.) on each ton, or 200,000 dols. (17,500l.) on each league, costing originally only 80,000 dols. (7,000l.), and after earning this handsome profit the buyer has still the land on which cattle can be grazed.

The demand for quebracho for tanning has so increased that the price is now 50 per cent. higher than it was a year or two back. According to the present railway law all new lines must be laid on quebracho sleepers, but railway companies are finding it impossible to carry out this provision at a reasonable cost.

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The United States and Germany are the principal consumers of quebracho.

The best quebracho is that obtained from the Chaco, and an inferior quality is found in Santiago del Estero and Tucuman.

The following table shows what a development there has been in the export of quebracho extract, which is worth 83 dols. gold (16*l.* 12*s.*) per ton. The principal port of shipment is Colastiné, near Santa Fé. To this point it is carried by rail and also by water from various places on the Paraná.

**Export of Quebracho.**

|                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Logs.   | Extract. |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|----------|
|                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Tons.   | Tons.    |
| 1903                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200,000 | 12,000   |
| 1904                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 252,000 | 20,000   |
| 1904 (First three months) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 47,600  | 2,440    |
| 1903 (                    | "   | "   | )   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60,300  | 8,400    |

(*Foreign Office, Miscellaneous Series, 639.*)

**CHINA.**

The Acting British Consul at Wuchow (Mr. F. E. Wilkinson) writes in his recent report:—"Although I have stated that hides are the most valuable export from Wuchow to foreign countries, there is another local product which finds its way abroad the value of which is even greater, but no mention of which appears in the Customs returns. I refer to cassia lignea. Almost all the cassia plantations are situated within the prefecture of Wuchow, yet the whole of the export goes by junk to Canton, whence it is shipped *via* Hong-Kong to Europe and the United States. Why the cassia should not be shipped direct to Hong-Kong from Wuchow instead of being taken to Canton for the purpose is a trade mystery which I do not understand. The extra cost of the detour must be considerable, and there is no apparent advantage to be gained by it. The business is a monopoly at Canton for certain German merchants, but I believe that any firm with capital which would engage in the business here at Wuchow would soon cut out any competitors at other ports. No figures are available to show the value of the cassia exported from this province. Judging from the Canton returns it must well exceed 100,000*l.* annually, though a small quantity is also produced in Kwangtung." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,449.*)

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

## Cotton Returns.—August, 1905.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported, Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and Returned to Ports during the Month and Eight Months ended 31st August, 1905, compared with the corresponding Periods of the Year 1904.

|                                              | MONTH OF AUGUST. |                | EIGHT MONTHS ENDED<br>31ST AUGUST. |                  |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                              | 1905.            | 1904.          | 1905.                              | 1904.            |
| <b>IMPORTS.</b>                              |                  |                |                                    |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 152,589          | 44,274         | 2,184,098                          | 1,253,820        |
| Brazilian ... ..                             | 6,004            | 911            | 45,716                             | 77,023           |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 7,062            | 31,260         | 41,207                             | 183,886          |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 22,805           | 15,820         | 805,087                            | 268,164          |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 8,282*           | 15,262         | 50,998†                            | 52,663           |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>196,692</b>   | <b>107,527</b> | <b>2,628,006</b>                   | <b>1,843,556</b> |
| <b>EXPORTS.</b>                              |                  |                |                                    |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 21,120           | 2,874          | 187,439                            | 151,848          |
| Brazilian ... ..                             | —                | 165            | 649                                | 3,742            |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 2,940            | 18,658         | 11,709                             | 59,749           |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 8,408            | 2,403          | 69,285                             | 56,380           |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 2,828            | 934            | 5,092                              | 5,661            |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>34,796</b>    | <b>25,034</b>  | <b>274,074</b>                     | <b>277,380</b>   |
| <b>FORWARDED from PORTS to INLAND TOWNS.</b> |                  |                |                                    |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 196,900          | 150,933        | 2,021,191                          | 1,418,824        |
| Brazilian ... ..                             | 7,864            | 3,702          | 85,462                             | 43,693           |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 8,331            | 5,162          | 21,414                             | 68,387           |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 20,174           | 14,294         | 217,187                            | 200,693          |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 4,013            | 3,345          | 25,811                             | 27,072           |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>231,782</b>   | <b>177,436</b> | <b>2,820,595</b>                   | <b>1,764,569</b> |
| <b>FORWARDED from INLAND TOWNS to PORTS.</b> |                  |                |                                    |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 221              | 199            | 2,151                              | 2,251            |
| Brazilian ... ..                             | —                | —              | —                                  | —                |
| East Indian ... ..                           | —                | —              | —                                  | —                |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | —                | —              | —                                  | —                |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | —                | —              | —                                  | 4                |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>221</b>       | <b>199</b>     | <b>2,151</b>                       | <b>2,255</b>     |

\* Including 117 bales British West Indian and 808 bales British West African.

† Including 8,833 bales British West Indian and 2,486 bales British West African.

**Cotton Returns—continued.**

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 36 Weeks ended 7th September, 1905 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>7th Sept.,<br>1905. | 36 Weeks<br>ended<br>7th Sept.,<br>1905. | Week ended<br>7th Sept.,<br>1905. | 36 Weeks<br>ended<br>7th Sept.,<br>1905. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |                                          | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |                                          |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 39,320                            | 2,298,722                                | 1,206                             | 195,680                                  |
| Brazilian ... ..     | —                                 | 45,716                                   | —                                 | 549                                      |
| East Indian ... ..   | 819                               | 42,084                                   | 620                               | 12,329                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 10                                | 313,744                                  | 1,077                             | 72,507                                   |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 4,423*                            | 55,725†                                  | 64                                | 5,156                                    |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>44,572</b>                     | <b>2,755,941</b>                         | <b>2,967</b>                      | <b>286,221</b>                           |

\* Including 7 bales British West Indian.

† Including 3,846 bales British West Indian and 2,733 bales British West African.

**Corn Prices.**

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 9th September, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|                                              |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|----------------------------------------------|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                              |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                                              |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| <b>Week ended 9th September, 1905</b> ... .. |  | 27             | 1  | 23      | 4  | 15    | 11 |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>                |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1898 ... ..                                  |  | 25             | 7  | 26      | 10 | 16    | 10 |
| 1899 ... ..                                  |  | 25             | 4  | 27      | 1  | 16    | 2  |
| 1900 ... ..                                  |  | 28             | 4  | 25      | 4  | 17    | 1  |
| 1901 ... ..                                  |  | 26             | 2  | 24      | 11 | 17    | 4  |
| 1902 ... ..                                  |  | 27             | 10 | 27      | 5  | 19    | 2  |
| 1903 ... ..                                  |  | 28             | 6  | 22      | 4  | 17    | 0  |
| 1904 ... ..                                  |  | 30             | 0  | 24      | 10 | 16    | 1  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 9th September, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|                                                 |            | Week ended<br>9th Sept.,<br>1905. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1904. |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living :—</b>                       |            |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ...               | Number.    | 11,487                            | 12,290                              |
| Sheep and lambs ...                             | "          | 2,797                             | 5,864                               |
| Swine ...                                       | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses ...                                      | "          | 574                               | 183                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat :—</b>                            |            |                                   |                                     |
| Beef ...                                        | Cwts.      | 98,103                            | 100,551                             |
| Mutton ...                                      | "          | 82,256                            | 55,477                              |
| Pork ...                                        | "          | 7,851                             | 10,838                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat :—</b>              |            |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon ...                                       | Cwts.      | 87,871                            | 96,440                              |
| Beef ...                                        | "          | 1,628                             | 978                                 |
| Hams ...                                        | "          | 28,685                            | 28,311                              |
| Pork ...                                        | "          | 4,307                             | 4,197                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh ...         | "          | 18,531                            | 8,059                               |
| Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... .. | "          | 10,229                            | 7,368                               |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes :—</b>         |            |                                   |                                     |
| Butter ...                                      | Cwts.      | 75,550                            | 72,148                              |
| Margarine ...                                   | "          | 20,081                            | 14,082                              |
| Cheese ...                                      | "          | 65,189                            | 55,627                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ...               | "          | 30                                | —                                   |
| " cream ...                                     | "          | 157                               | 75                                  |
| " condensed ...                                 | "          | 14,918                            | 18,290                              |
| " preserved, other kinds... ..                  | "          | 109                               | 112                                 |
| Eggs ...                                        | Grt. Hndr. | 418,165                           | 338,707                             |
| Poultry ...                                     | Value £    | 8,096                             | 3,904                               |
| Game ...                                        | "          | 1,253                             | 814                                 |
| Rabbits, dead (not tinned) ...                  | Cwts.      | 41,102                            | 36,761                              |
| Lard ...                                        | "          | 29,263                            | 25,315                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—</b>          |            |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat ...                                       | Cwts.      | 2,247,500                         | 1,488,000                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ...                        | "          | 290,500                           | 202,900                             |
| Barley ...                                      | "          | 449,200                           | 596,511                             |
| Oats ...                                        | "          | 428,000                           | 118,600                             |
| Peas ...                                        | "          | 25,900                            | 35,010                              |
| Beans ...                                       | "          | 18,220                            | 50,050                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ...                        | "          | 1,251,600                         | 669,500                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw :—</b>                            |            |                                   |                                     |
| Apples ...                                      | Cwts.      | 18,375                            | 22,788                              |
| Apricots and peaches ...                        | "          | 8                                 | 40                                  |
| Bananas ...                                     | Bunches.   | 178,148                           | 75,280                              |
| Cherries ...                                    | Cwts.      | —                                 | —                                   |
| Currants... ..                                  | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ...                                | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Grapes ...                                      | "          | 17,112                            | 45,906                              |
| Lemons ...                                      | "          | 4,228                             | 9,529                               |
| Oranges ...                                     | "          | 136                               | 3,157                               |
| Pears ...                                       | "          | 22,878                            | 31,984                              |
| Plums ...                                       | "          | 28,020                            | 6,587                               |
| Strawberries ...                                | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ...                                | "          | 21,929                            | 38,396                              |
| Hay... ..                                       | Tons.      | 1,957                             | 1,352                               |
| Straw ...                                       | "          | 2,804                             | 2,148                               |
| Moss Litter. (Not shown in 1904) ...            | "          | 1,846                             | —                                   |
| Hops ...                                        | Cwts.      | 186                               | 2,298                               |
| Locust Beans ...                                | "          | 800                               | 9,921                               |
| <b>Vegetables, raw :—</b>                       |            |                                   |                                     |
| Onions ...                                      | Bushels.   | 208,069                           | 213,693                             |
| Potatoes ...                                    | Cwts.      | 81,058                            | 70,501                              |
| Tomatoes ...                                    | "          | 81,817                            | 22,057                              |
| Unenumerated ...                                | Value £    | 4,265                             | 3,040                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried</b>                        |            |                                   |                                     |
| Preserved by canning... ..                      | Cwts.      | 411                               | 2,597                               |
|                                                 | "          | 4,105                             | 12,843                              |

### Passengers to Places out of Europe.—August, 1905.

Return of the Numbers and Nationalities of the Passengers that left the United Kingdom for Places out of Europe (distinguishing the principal Countries in which the Passengers contracted to land) during the Month ending 31st August, 1905, and the Eight Months ending 31st August, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the previous Year.

| Nationality.                             | BRITISH EMPIRE.        |                            |                       |                          |                                         |         | FOREIGN COUNTRIES. |                          |         | Grand Total. | Total for corresponding Period of 1904. |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                          | British North America. | Australia and New Zealand. | British South Africa. | India, including Ceylon. | Other British Colonies and Possessions. | Total.  | United States.     | Other Foreign Countries. | Total.  |              |                                         |
| Month ending 31st August.                |                        |                            |                       |                          |                                         |         |                    |                          |         |              |                                         |
| English ... ..                           | 7,743                  | 1,293                      | 1,692                 | 165                      | 228                                     | 11,121  | 6,748              | 445                      | 7,193   | 18,314       | 29,612                                  |
| Scotch ... ..                            | 1,092                  | 178                        | 376                   | 33                       | 9                                       | 1,683   | 2,801              | 65                       | 2,866   | 4,549        | 6,277                                   |
| Irish ... ..                             | 409                    | 98                         | 116                   | 2                        | 5                                       | 630     | 4,353              | 28                       | 4,381   | 5,011        | 7,296                                   |
| Total of British origin.                 | 9,244                  | 1,569                      | 2,184                 | 200                      | 242                                     | 13,434  | 13,902             | 538                      | 14,440  | 27,874       | 32,185                                  |
| Foreign ... ..                           | 2,686                  | 39                         | 460                   | 6                        | 16                                      | 3,207   | 16,596             | 207                      | 16,803  | 20,010       | 29,225                                  |
| Nationalities not distinguished ... ..   | 15                     | 4                          | —                     | 198                      | 182                                     | 399     | 341                | 264                      | 605     | 1,004        | 699                                     |
| Total ... ..                             | 11,945                 | 1,607                      | 2,644                 | 404                      | 440                                     | 17,040  | 30,839             | 1,009                    | 31,848  | 48,888       | 63,209                                  |
| Total for corresponding period, 1904 ... | 8,402                  | 1,354                      | 2,902                 | 299                      | 543                                     | 13,500  | 38,922             | 717                      | 39,709  | 53,209       |                                         |
| Eight Months ending 31st August.         |                        |                            |                       |                          |                                         |         |                    |                          |         |              |                                         |
| English ... ..                           | 52,561                 | 6,510                      | 11,791                | 1,501                    | 2,198                                   | 74,561  | 39,065             | 3,148                    | 42,213  | 116,774      | 112,537                                 |
| Scotch ... ..                            | 11,346                 | 961                        | 2,685                 | 114                      | 97                                      | 15,203  | 13,090             | 372                      | 13,462  | 28,665       | 21,639                                  |
| Irish ... ..                             | 2,586                  | 418                        | 680                   | 6                        | 25                                      | 3,715   | 29,475             | 154                      | 29,629  | 33,344       | 32,331                                  |
| Total of British origin.                 | 66,493                 | 7,889                      | 15,156                | 1,621                    | 2,320                                   | 93,479  | 81,630             | 3,674                    | 85,304  | 178,783      | 169,547                                 |
| Foreign ... ..                           | 19,230                 | 190                        | 3,000                 | 66                       | 152                                     | 22,638  | 104,866            | 2,876                    | 107,742 | 130,380      | 106,577                                 |
| Nationalities not distinguished ... ..   | 32                     | 4                          | —                     | 905                      | 1,373                                   | 2,314   | 818                | 1,709                    | 2,527   | 4,841        | 4,111                                   |
| Total ... ..                             | 85,755                 | 8,083                      | 18,156                | 2,592                    | 3,845                                   | 118,431 | 187,314            | 8,259                    | 195,573 | 314,004      | 279,635                                 |
| Total for corresponding period, 1904 ... | 69,954                 | 7,343                      | 19,464                | 2,680                    | 3,848                                   | 103,289 | 170,539            | 5,807                    | 176,346 | 279,635      |                                         |

NOTE.—The above figures being made up at the earliest possible date after the close of each month, are subject to correction in the Annual Returns.



# Alien Immigration from the Continent of Europe—August.

**Statement showing the Number of Alien Passengers that Arrived from the Continent (whether in transit or not) at Ports in the United Kingdom during the Month and Eight Months ending 31st August, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the previous Year.**

Compiled from the Alien Lists received by the Customs under Act 6 Will. 4, c. 11, sec. 2.)

| Ports of Arrival in United Kingdom.    | CONTINENTAL PORTS OF EMBARKATION. |               |                                    |               |                     |               |                |              |              |              |              |              |                          |              |                |                |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                        | Hamburg, Bremen, and Bremerhaven. |               | Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Antwerp. |               | Scandinavian Ports. |               | Finnish Ports. |              | Libau.       |              | Dieppe.      |              | Other Continental Ports. |              | Total          |                |
|                                        | 1905.                             | 1904.         | 1905.                              | 1904.         | 1905.               | 1904.         | 1905.          | 1904.        | 1905.        | 1904.        | 1905.        | 1904.        | 1905.                    | 1904.        | 1905.          | 1904.          |
| (i.) Month ending 31st August.         |                                   |               |                                    |               |                     |               |                |              |              |              |              |              |                          |              |                |                |
| London ...                             | 1,731                             | 1,103         | 1,712                              | 2,844         | 121                 | 268           | ...            | 1            | 1,189        | 1,155        | ...          | ...          | 272                      | 619          | 5,025          | 5,974          |
| Rimsby ...                             | 1,009                             | 889           | 531                                | 978           | 890                 | 1,291         | ...            | ...          | ...          | ...          | 1            | 1            | 12                       | 14           | 2,452          | 3,173          |
| Harwich ...                            | ...                               | ...           | ...                                | ...           | 791                 | 843           | ...            | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...                      | ...          | 791            | 843            |
| Hull ...                               | 276                               | 348           | 370                                | 1,058         | 2,470               | 3,297         | 1,194          | 731          | 693          | 1,156        | ...          | ...          | 21                       | 31           | 4,990          | 6,615          |
| Lyne Ports ...                         | 72                                | 39            | 49                                 | 63            | 650                 | 683           | 1              | 12           | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | 120                      | 101          | 892            | 793            |
| Leith ...                              | 120                               | 116           | 283                                | 118           | 70                  | 34            | ...            | ...          | 10           | ...          | ...          | ...          | 88                       | 80           | 571            | 353            |
| Newhaven ...                           | ...                               | ...           | ...                                | ...           | ...                 | ...           | ...            | ...          | ...          | ...          | 582          | 1,327        | ...                      | 12           | 962            | 1,339          |
| Other Ports ...                        | 23                                | 14            | 350                                | 270           | 115                 | 165           | ...            | 2            | ...          | 2            | 2            | ...          | 1,032                    | 677          | 1,522          | 1,130          |
| <b>Total ...</b>                       | <b>3,201</b>                      | <b>2,509</b>  | <b>3,301</b>                       | <b>5,415</b>  | <b>5,116</b>        | <b>6,475</b>  | <b>1,195</b>   | <b>746</b>   | <b>1,882</b> | <b>2,323</b> | <b>985</b>   | <b>1,328</b> | <b>1,545</b>             | <b>1,534</b> | <b>17,235</b>  | <b>20,230</b>  |
| (ii.) Eight Months ending 31st August. |                                   |               |                                    |               |                     |               |                |              |              |              |              |              |                          |              |                |                |
| London ...                             | 11,810                            | 11,425        | 10,183                             | 9,895         | 1,052               | 1,338         | ...            | 1            | 5,079        | 4,902        | ...          | ...          | 2,818                    | 2,174        | 30,942         | 29,735         |
| Rimsby ...                             | 8,408                             | 6,669         | 5,708                              | 9,959         | 7,619               | 6,441         | ...            | ...          | ...          | ...          | 3            | 3            | 15                       | 14           | 21,753         | 23,086         |
| Harwich ...                            | ...                               | ...           | ...                                | ...           | 6,434               | 4,965         | ...            | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...                      | ...          | 6,434          | 4,965          |
| Hull ...                               | 2,116                             | 2,640         | 3,591                              | 4,938         | 23,810              | 21,377        | 14,708         | 5,403        | 3,485        | 4,195        | ...          | ...          | 259                      | 210          | 47,949         | 39,057         |
| Lyne Ports ...                         | 255                               | 246           | 288                                | 367           | 5,918               | 5,219         | 1              | 185          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | 157                      | 192          | 6,619          | 6,229          |
| Leith ...                              | 589                               | 631           | 1,111                              | 768           | 376                 | 235           | ...            | ...          | 87           | 10           | ...          | ...          | 575                      | 627          | 2,738          | 2,191          |
| Newhaven ...                           | ...                               | ...           | ...                                | ...           | ...                 | ...           | ...            | ...          | ...          | ...          | 9,399        | 9,909        | 36                       | 58           | 9,435          | 9,967          |
| Other Ports ...                        | 196                               | 218           | 3,117                              | 1,698         | 1,289               | 1,064         | 6              | 27           | 1            | 4            | 4            | ...          | 9,514                    | 5,751        | 14,127         | 8,768          |
| <b>Total ...</b>                       | <b>23,374</b>                     | <b>21,829</b> | <b>23,998</b>                      | <b>27,659</b> | <b>46,496</b>       | <b>40,639</b> | <b>14,715</b>  | <b>6,616</b> | <b>8,632</b> | <b>9,111</b> | <b>9,406</b> | <b>9,912</b> | <b>13,574</b>            | <b>9,226</b> | <b>139,997</b> | <b>123,992</b> |

**NOTES:—(i.) ALIENS IN TRANSIT.**—The above totals include Aliens in transit, but the number of such Aliens cannot be stated, as particulars on this point are not required by law to be furnished. At some ports, however, it is the usual practice to state on the Alien Lists the number of Aliens known to be "en route to other countries." The total number so described in August, 1905, was 8,106, compared with 10,427 in August, 1904. In the eight months ending August, 1905, the number was 77,322, compared with 65,910 in the eight months ending August, 1904. These figures, however, are incomplete for the reasons stated, and many Aliens not described in the Alien Lists as "en route to other countries," are in fact, known by special enquiry, to have been also in transit.

**(ii.) SAILORS.**—The number of sailors included with the Aliens not described in the Alien Lists as *en route* to places out of the United Kingdom in the month of August, 1905, was 1,149, and 1,031 in the same month of 1904; in the eight months ending August, 1905, the number was 9,505, and in the same months of 1904 the number was 8,467.

**(iii.) SCOPE OF THE RETURNS.**—The ports from which Alien Lists are received are Aberdeen, Belfast, Blyth, Bristol, Cardiff, Dover, Dublin, Folkestone, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Granton, Greenock, Grimsby, Harwich, Hull, Kirkcaldy, Leith, Liverpool, London, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Newhaven, Newport, North Shields, South Shields, Southampton, Sunderland, and West Hartlepool. The lists received from Dover, Folkestone, Harwich, Newhaven, and Southampton show only deck passengers, and persons who, after landing, proceed by train as third-class passengers.

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of August, 1905, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance of 1s. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1904, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 7s. 7d. for the first, and 4s. 3d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1900-1904, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs duties, trade in coin and bullion, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the August issue:—State of the Labour Market in July; Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration in 1904; Public Relief to the Aged, Infirm and Incurable in France; Recent Conciliation Cases.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

#### ANNUAL.

##### No. 3,497. Trade of Hodeida and Camaran, 1902-04.

Trade depressed and imports only 4·8 per cent. more in 1904 than in 1901. Falling off in piece-goods and petroleum.

Causes of the deterioration of Yemen coffee.

Increased exports of hides and skins.

Need for a pier.

Notes on import trade.

##### No. 3,493. Trade of Réunion, 1904.

Trade very depressed owing to damage by cyclone to sugar and vanilla crops.

Cessation of trade with Mauritius.

*Government Publications.***OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

*Report on Changes in Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour in the United Kingdom in 1904, with Comparative Statistics for 1895-1903.* [Cd. 2674.] Price 7d.

This volume is the twelfth of a series of Annual Reports, compiled in the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, dealing with the changes in the market rates of wages and recognised hours of workpeople in the United Kingdom for a full week's work, exclusive of overtime.

The decline in wages which characterised the years 1901-3 continued in 1904. The industries principally affected were coal mining, iron mining, iron and steel manufacture, ship-building, glass bottle making and building. In the other trades covered the changes were on the whole unimportant.

*Tea and Coffee, 1903. Return.* 301. Price 6d.

This return, which is in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 363 of Session 1901, has been prepared in the Board of Trade by order of the House of Commons. It contains a memorandum and statistical tables showing the consumption of tea and coffee in the principal countries of Europe, the United States, and certain British Colonies, together with information relating to the principal sources of supply in recent years, so far as the particulars can be stated.

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|--------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|
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| 1899   | 5.95            | 0.79            | 0.11           | 1.39     | 0.05    | 0.98            |
| 1900   | 6.07            | 0.93            | 0.11           | 1.48     | 0.06    | 1.09            |
| 1901   | 6.16            | 0.92            | 0.11           | 1.50     | 0.05    | 1.14            |
| 1902   | 6.06            | 0.97            | 0.12           | 1.48     | 0.05    | 0.94            |
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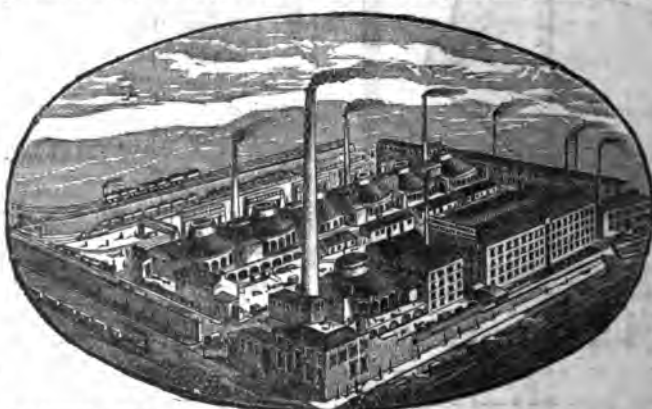
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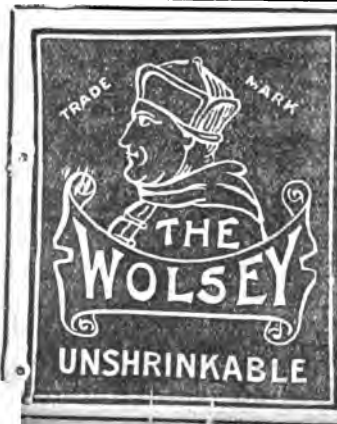
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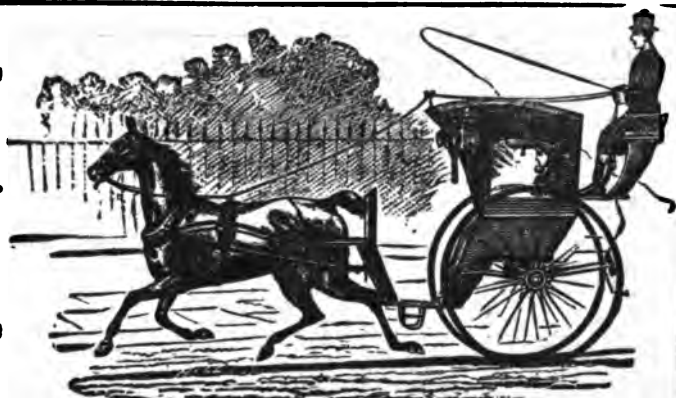
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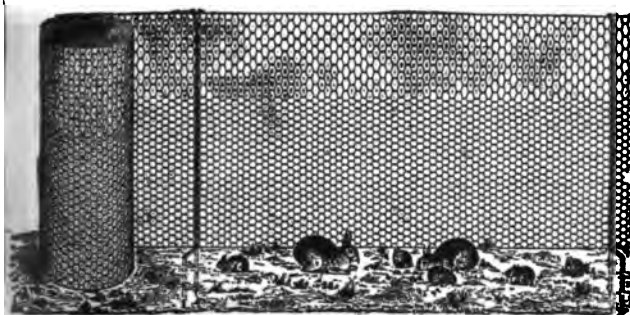
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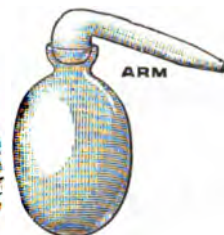
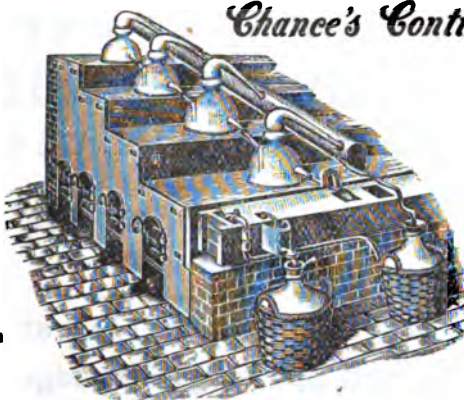
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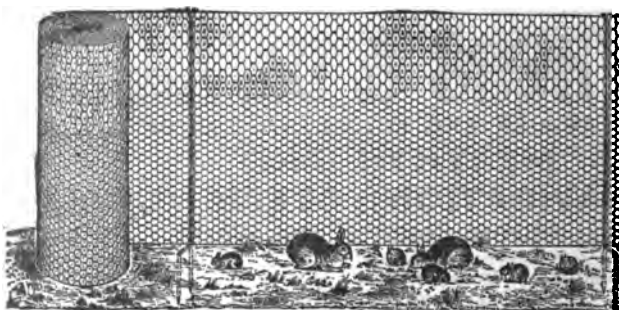
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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The registered telegraphic address of the Branch is "Advantage, London."

A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 575.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore, received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of cotton grown in the Argentine Chaco (see pp. 544-5 of this issue); and two sample beer bottles of Chilian manufacture (see p. 536 of this issue).

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. :—

India.

Queensland.

Dominion of Canada.

Cape of Good Hope.

Statements of the objects and work of the Special Trade Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 576.

## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders

**Electric Plant  
and Materials.**

for the supply and delivery of:—

Electric plant and materials,

as per specification, to be seen at the Company's offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C.

*Openings for British Trade.***BRITISH INDIA**—*continued.*

Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Electric Plant and Materials," not later than noon, on Wednesday, the 27th September.

The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

The Madras Railway Company are prepared to receive, by noon on

**Railway Stores.** Monday, 2nd October, tenders for the supply and delivery, free on board, of zinc sheets, tool steel, bolts and nuts, moulders' tools, tube expanders, screw taps, augurs, twist drills, split cotters, saws, carriage locks, window catches and hinges, gauge glass protectors, head lamps, enamelled iron commodes, firebricks, carborundum wheels, plate glass, steam packing, curled horsehair, paint brushes, machine belting, rubber pads, transfers, and non-conducting composition, as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, 1, Broad Street Place, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.

Tenders are to be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, endorsed "Tender for Loco. Stores, Part I." (or Part II., as the case may be).

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. A charge (which cannot be refunded) will be made for each copy of the specification.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway

**Railway Stores.** Company are prepared to receive, up to noon on Tuesday, the 3rd October, tenders for the supply of the following stores, viz. :—

**CLASS A.**

1. Brass boiler tubes; 2. Gas piping; 3. Metals; 4. Miscellaneous tools and stores; 5. Pig-iron; 6. Red and white lead; 7. Spiral and volute springs; 8. Steel boiler tubes; 9. Steel plates for boilers.

**CLASS B.**

1. Bunting, canvas, &c.; 2. Copper firebox plates; 3. Firebricks; 4. Paints, &c.; 5. Weldless hydraulic steel tubes.

Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained at the offices of the Company, Gloucester House, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., on payment as follows :—For Class A, 2*l.* each, and for Class B, 10*s.* 6*d.* each (which will not be returned).

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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#### **CANADA.**

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Enquiries relating Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.**, whence further information to **Canadian Trade.** regarding them may be obtained :—

**Home Enquiries.**—A Glasgow firm would like to do business in Canada in white lead, tar products and chemicals.

A company manufacturing drain pipes, sinks, lavatories and fire-clay goods wish to do business in Canada.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government Trade Enquiry Office, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

Tenders will be received at the Supply and Tender Board Office, Adelaide, South Australia, up till 3 p.m. on 25th October, 1905, for the supply of the following materials, delivered in bond, on wharf, Port Adelaide, wharfage to be paid by

**Railway  
Materials in  
South Australia.**

the contractor :—

30 best steel straight axle forgings (three drawings, 1s. each).

60 cast steel engine and tender wheel centres (one drawing, 4s. ; one drawing, 1s. 6d.).

60 engine and tender tyres (three drawings, 1s. each).

182 best steel straight wagon axles (two drawings, 1s. 6d. each).

364 cast steel wagon wheel centres (two drawings, 5s. each).

364 carriage and wagon tyres (two drawings, 1s. each).

24 best mild steel crank pin forgings (one drawing, 2s.).

Specifications may be seen, and forms of tender obtained, at the above office, and at the office of the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Islington, South Australia; specifications may also be seen at the office of the Agent-General for South Australia, 28, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C.

Copies of indent, with specifications complete (10s. each) and drawings may be obtained at the Chief Mechanical Engineer's Office, Islington, South Australia.

Date of delivery, as well as the names of manufacturers of the materials tendered for, must be distinctly stated in each tender.

The materials are subject to the inspection, test, and approval of the Government inspecting engineer, in London, or the Chief Mechanical Engineer, in Adelaide.

The expenses of the inspecting engineer will be paid by the Agent-General, London (except in cases as specified), who will also advance 75 per cent. on the contract on receipt of bills of lading, insurance policy, and the usual shipping documents, accompanied by the certificate of the inspecting engineer; and the

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balance of the contract will be paid in Adelaide or London, at the option of the contractor, upon satisfactory delivery of the materials.

Successful tenderers will be required, within seven days of date of notice of acceptance of tender, to enter into an agreement and make a deposit equal to 5 per cent. of the total value of their accepted tender as security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

Tenders should be indorsed "Tender for Railway Materials."

Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

#### **SOUTH AFRICA.**

The Canadian Commercial Agent at Cape Town (Mr. C. M. Kittson) reports that South Africa, owing to the fact that she has at certain seasons many insect pests, offers a peculiarly suitable market for the exploitation of wire window screens (adjustable variety), and wire screen doors. Neither of these articles, he adds, have, up to the present, received the attention which the possibilities of the market deserve.

The "Natal Government Gazette" contains the text of an Act passed by the Natal Legislature authorising the Verulam Local Board to borrow a sum not exceeding 12,000*l.* for the purpose of supplying the township with water from the River Umhloti, and to construct the necessary works for such purpose.

#### **JAMAICA.**

The Canadian Commercial Agent at Kingston (Mr. G. E. Burke) reports that, as a result of the buoyancy of sugar prices, a decided revival of the industry is in evidence in Jamaica, not only among the large landed proprietors, but also with the peasantry. Hundreds of small cane mills are being imported from the United States. These mills are admitted free of Customs duty, and sell for 10*l.* 10*s.* each.

#### **EGYPT.**

The Egyptian Post Office Department invites tenders for the supply of uniforms for the years 1906, 1907, and 1908. Conditions of contract may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, "Direction générale des Postes," Alexandria, or at the "Direction locale des Postes," at Cairo. Tenders, which will be received at the former office up to 16th October, must be accompanied by stamped paper to the value of 3 piastres\*, and inserted in double envelopes, the outer addressed "S.E. le Directeur général des Postes," Alexandria, and the inner, "Offre pour la fourniture des uniformes."

\* 100 piastres = £E 1 = £1 0*s.* 6*d.*



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**EGYPT**—*continued.*

The "Bulletin" of the French Chamber of Commerce at Alexandria calls attention to the increasing importation into Egypt of articles of ready-made clothing, the value having risen from £E.164,271 in 1899 to £E.292,924 in 1904. The larger demand is ascribed to the immigration of persons with cultivated tastes, and to the Government's decision that children attending their schools should be clothed in European fashion. Austria-Hungary has the largest share of the trade and studies the market carefully. A system they have, which recommends itself, is the despatching twice a year of numbered samples, accompanied by a price book, with corresponding numbers, in which space is left for writing in the order.

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**PORTUGAL.**

The "Diario do Governo" of 6th September contains a Decree approving a contract entered into between **Electric Lighting Plant.** Senhor Antonio Rosado Caeiro and the Municipality of Regarengos de Monsarás, for the supply of electric lighting in that town for public purposes and to private individuals.

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**SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 11th September contains notices issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Industry, Commerce and Public Works, authorising **Hydro-Electric Plant.** (1) the "Ayuntamiento" of Mansilla de Las Mulas (Léon) to appropriate 300 litres of water per second from the river Esla for the production of motive power; (2) Don Ignacio Coll y Portabella to appropriate 300 litres per second from the Espinalvet waterfall (Barcelona) for the production of electric power.

The "Gaceta" of the 13th September contains a notice to the effect that tenders will be received by the **Automobiles for Mail Purposes.** Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, within 60 days of the insertion of the notice in the "Gaceta," for the establishment and working of a mail service by automobiles in Madrid. The number of automobiles to be used is to be stated in the tender.

The "Gaceta" of the 16th September contains a notice calling for tenders for works for repairing the River Wall of the Guadalete, in the port of Santa Maria, **Port Works.** Province of Cádiz, the upset price being 123,136 pesetas (about 3,733*l.*). Tenders must be received by the

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Director General of Public Works in Madrid, before the 9th October, and a deposit of 6,150 pesetas (about 187*l.*) will be required to qualify any tender.

The "Gacetas" containing these notices may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels) reports that trade in automobiles in Hungary, although little developed as yet, has lately made a distinct advance.

Local industry is not yet in a position to compete against foreign importations.

### PERSIA.

In his report on the trade of Khorassan for the year 1904-05, H.M. Consul-General at Meshed (Major P. M. Sykes, C.M.G.) gives the following particulars of the carpet industry of that province:—

"The carpet industry, as in most parts of Persia, falls into the sub-headings of (a) town woven, and (b) nomad woven. In Meshed itself there are 400 frames; in the Turshiz district there are perhaps 50 frames, and further south at and near Duruksh, in the Kain district, I found 450 looms at work in 1899. None of these carpets can vie with the exquisite products of Kerman, although the quality and colour are improving. There are 2,000 to 3,000 looms in which nomad carpets are woven. These Baluch carpets are mainly worked in dark shades of red and blue. They are distinctly pleasing, and make excellent carpets for a dining room or library. . . .

"The Customs returns for 1903-04 gave the export of this, the staple industry of Khorassan, at 6,233*l.*, whereas for the year under review it is 55,279*l.* The reason for this extraordinary fluctuation is that in 1903-04 a law was re-enacted by which the Customs Department was instructed to seize and burn all carpets in the manufacture of which aniline dyes were employed. The result was a total cessation of exports, which forced the Persian Government to allow these articles to be exported for a certain period. In consequence there has been a rush to export every available carpet before the period of grace expires. The whole of this export is sent across Russia *via* Batoum to Constantinople, the chief mart for carpets, although there is a small but growing trade direct to the United States. This is one of the few openings for British trade, as a carpet buyer

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#### **PERSIA**—*continued.*

should be able, by saving the Constantinople middleman, to secure a good profit without any risk." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,499.*)

In the same report, Major Sykes states that the statistics show clearly that the trade in Indian tea is steadily developing, in spite of the very heavy duty under the new regulations.

**Tea.**

He is also of opinion that there is a good opening for the manufactures, both leather and woollen, of Indian Cawnpore. In this connection he writes:—  
**Manufactures.** "As the travelling expenses and salary of a European are so heavy, a native agent might perhaps be appointed to represent both the tea and the Cawnpore industries in Khorassan. In such cases to hasten slowly is the highest wisdom, and it is folly to flood such a limited market with a large quantity of goods of any kind; but a cautious, careful and, above all, a continuous policy on the lines suggested above would, I think, produce good results."

Major Sykes further states that there are openings for Indian watch menders, tailors, joiners, carpenters, bootmakers and mechanics of all sorts, and he expresses surprise that a larger number of skilled Indians do not settle at Meshed. Openings on a more ambitious scale are, in his opinion, foredoomed to failure unless conducted by men who know the country and its customs intimately.

H.M. Consul at Turbat-I-Haidari (Capt. Watson) reports that all the better qualities of cloth (woollen, cotton and silk) imported there are of British manufacture. There is not a great demand for the better quality goods, the population being poor and preferring the cheap Russian goods, especially the highly-coloured cotton prints. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,499.*)

**Low Quality  
Prints.**

#### **MEXICO.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico of the 30th August contains a copy of a contract entered into between the Mexican Government on the one hand, and Señores Licenciado Aquiles Zentella and Edwin J. Johnson, of the Mexican National Sugar Refining Co. on the other hand, for acquiring an appropriation of a maximum of 7,000 litres of water per second for the production of motive power from the River Atoyac in the Canton of Cordoba, State of Vera Cruz, and for carrying out the hydraulic works necessary.

**Hydro-Electric  
Plant.**

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**MEXICO—continued.**

The "Diario Oficial" of the 2nd September contains copy of a contract, which has been entered into between the Mexican Government and Señor Andres Lefebvre, for an appropriation from the waters of the River Amacuzac, in the States of Morelos and Guerrero, for the production of motive power. The Concessionnaire is authorised to execute hydraulic works necessary for the utilisation of a maximum of 80,000 litres of water per second.

The "Diarios," containing the above notices may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**NICARAGUA.**

See p. 564 for a notice dealing with the scarcity of cereals in Nicaragua, and a possible opening for rice and maize.

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**HAYTI.**

A despatch has been received from the Acting British Consul General at Port-au-Prince (Mr. L. J. Jerome), enclosing a copy of "Le Moniteur" of 19th August which contains the text of a concession granted by the Haytian Government to M. Rodolphe Gardère, acting for a company, for the construction and working for a period of 50 years, of a railway from Gonaives to Hinche, *via* Ennery, Saint Michel de l'Attalaye and Maissade, with a branch to Gros-Morne.

The copy of "Le Moniteur" which contains the text of the law and of the contract, together with the "cahier des charges," may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**CHILE.**

A recent despatch from the Acting British Consul-General in Valparaiso states that beer bottles are made by the Fabrica de Vidrios at Santiago, and also up to quite lately by the Compañia Explotadora de Coronel y Lota. This latter company gave up the factory, in spite of the fact that they had their own coal mines on the spot, and sold the plant to a new company about the beginning of the year; this company is about to start work at Santiago (13th July).

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The beer bottles manufactured are made to suit the crown cork. The small size costs 5 cents each (say about .78 of a penny), the large size 8 cents each (say about 1.26 pence), and wine bottles 9 to 10 cents each (say about 1.41 to 1.57 pence). Prices are calculated at 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to the dollar. The weight of a large beer bottle is 1 lb. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$  ozs., and of a small beer bottle 15 ozs.

Samples of the beer bottles may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**ARGENTINA.**

According to the "Bulletin" of the International Bureau of the American Republics, the Minister of Public

**Rolling Stock.** Works of the Argentine Government has ordered certain of the railway companies of that country to increase their rolling stock as follows:—The Great Southern Railway by 1,023 wagons of 30 tons each and 23 locomotives; the Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway by 920 wagons of 30 tons each and 30 locomotives; the Buenos Ayres and Rosario Railway by 339 wagons of 30 tons each and 7 locomotives; the Buenos Ayres Western Railway by 500 wagons of 30 tons each and 20 locomotives; and the Andine Railway by 50 wagons and 2 locomotives. This new rolling stock must be acquired by the companies before the 31st December next. The companies are allowed, in complying with this order, to purchase a greater or less number of wagons than actually specified above, provided the total tonnage aggregates 30,712, 27,618, 10,194, 15,000, and 1,500 tons, respectively.

According to the "Boletin Industrial" (Buenos Ayres) the

**Machinery for** Cordoba sierra in the districts of Alta Gracia  
**Mica Mining.** and Calamuchita contain large deposits of mica of remarkable quality, which have been favourably reported on by experts. To exploit these mica mines, a company has been formed who will require to purchase the latest machinery for the purpose.

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## BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

**Brazil.**—With reference to the article which appeared at pp. 399-400 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 1st June last, respecting the rise in Brazilian Exchange, and its effects on trade, a despatch has been received from H.M. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. A. Chapman), in which, after alluding to this continued rise, and the expense of living consequent upon currency prices not having fallen in proportion, if at all, he writes:—

"From the report of the Minister of Finance that has just been published, it would appear that the policy of the present administration is to raise exchange to par, 27*d.*, though it is not generally believed that this is as practicable as the report would seem to imply.

"The influx of the loans has created a large reserve of bills in the hands of the Government, and now that the drawings against the coffee and rubber crops are coming in, exchange will naturally continue to rise.

"Coffee prices abroad seem to be in sympathy with the rise in exchange, and this compensates the producer to a certain extent for the decrease of currency he receives through cheaper gold, for whilst his crop represents a gold value his expenses are paid in currency, and it would be natural to suppose that a low rate of exchange would be to his benefit. Exporters and national industries suffer in the same way without the relief of sympathetic markets abroad, whilst native factories that are fostered by protection are working short time, and are loudly complaining that under the present high rates they cannot compete with importers, and call for further protection.

"Money in commercial circles is tight and credits precarious. Those who have contracted under a lower exchange are hard hit, and commerce is dislocated.

"Importers benefit by a high exchange, and are taking advantage of the present rates, but owing to the general depressed state of commerce, the uncertainty of credits, and the want of ready money, business is stagnant.

"Meanwhile the governing bodies are lavishly expending money on public works and improvements, whilst many private persons holding property in Brazil are endeavouring to realise and to withdraw their capital."

**Mexico.**—The Acting British Consul-General at Port-au-Prince (Mr. L. J. Jerome, late H.M. Consul in the City of Mexico), in a recent communication, writes as follows with regard to trade conditions in Mexico:—

"Competition in Mexico is very keen. It is not a new country, but an old one that has been slowly and surely developing. Our countrymen have neglected it, and a footing on the market cannot be secured without some effort. When proper care is exercised by men on the spot, there are very few bad debts, but the system of doing business is somewhat different.

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"Many of the best firms do not want credit. Cash against documents and collections through a bank are usual; on the other hand, some of the best concerns have their own systems, and foreign firms cannot give any references in Europe; in fact, some of the most powerful local firms have no other bankers than those of the State in which they reside."

**Moscow.**—In his Report for 1904 (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,441) H.M. Consul at Moscow (Mr. M. Grove) after alluding to the alleged difficulty of getting British manufacturers to make minor alterations to suit buyers' requirements, and to the need for quotations in Russian weights, measures and coinage as given by German traders, writes:—"I can show hundreds of British catalogues sent me annually, in English, with the national—and to the Russian, often incomprehensible—weights, measures, and coinage; these are often accompanied with a request to make the contents known. If it proves impossible to prepare catalogues in Russian—though several British firms do so now—catalogues in German are well understood."

**Kieff.**—H.M. Consul at Kieff (Mr. H. P. Smith), in his report on the trade of that district recently published, writes as follows with reference to the displacement of British goods:—

"If the Russian buyer finds that an article of a certain shape or colour is saleable, he will not readily be persuaded to adopt a different article, which is not in demand or in accordance with the ideas of his customers. . . .

"The whole art of foreign trading consists in the adaptation of one's goods as much as possible to the requirements of one's foreign customers, in meeting the customs of the country as far as possible in regard to trading facilities and then in pushing the trade vigorously."

After referring to the competition of Germany and Austria-Hungary in the trade in portable engines and steam-threshing machines, Mr. Smith continues:—

"Without admitting the correctness of the number of threshing sets claimed to have been sold by the Austro-Hungarian and German makers in Russia, one cannot get over the fact that the British manufacturers are not holding their own; and whether this is due to an increase in the demand of which they may possibly not be aware, or whether they are being ousted by other countries, the question is one which deserves prompt and careful consideration. It ought to be kept in view that the principal German and Austro-Hungarian makers run their own branches in Russia, or take over the *del credere* of the sales made by their agents, while the British makers, with one exception, have appointed agents who represent them. Either system involves a considerable lock-up of capital—less possibly under the universal

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British system—yet one wonders how the Austro-Hungarian and German manufacturers can possibly give the long terms of payment they do to the Russian buyers of their machinery while carrying on large manufacturing establishments.

“It has often been said that the banking system of these countries is more elastic than that of the United Kingdom, and more ready to foster important industries. Perhaps it would be nearer the mark to say that many of the commercial undertakings in these countries are run by banks, and in certain cases even enjoy the financial support of their respective Governments, in addition to the reduced railway rates on the State railways of these countries to the frontiers of Russia.

“Whatever the reason may be, the fact remains that notwithstanding the recognised superiority of the British-made steam threshing machinery, the competition of Germany and Austria-Hungary has now assumed such proportions as seriously to menace the United Kingdom's hold on the Russian market; and the only remedy would seem to be for the British makers of this class of machinery to conform their terms of payment to those of their energetic competitors, and by so doing retain their hold on the Russian trade. This question is not purely a manufacturing one; it also affects the shipping interest of the United Kingdom, as the freight of threshing machinery to the ports of Russia has hitherto been an important item in the shipping trade between the two countries.” (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,480.*)

#### TRADE OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA, FRENCH INDIA, DAHOMEY, AND ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON.

The following particulars relating to the trade of French Indo-China, French India, Dahomey, St. Pierre and Miquelon during 1904, as compared with the preceding year, are extracted from the “*Feuille de Renseignements*,” the official organ of the French Colonial Office:—

##### French Indo-China.

|             |     |     |     |     |     | 1903.       | 1904.       |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|
|             |     |     |     |     |     | France.     | France.     |
| Imports     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 204,253,872 | 184,995,664 |
| Exports     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 120,448,505 | 156,409,846 |
| Total trade |     |     |     |     |     | 324,702,377 | 341,405,510 |

Imports from foreign countries into French Indo-China decreased in value from 106,857,563 francs in 1903 to 98,298,428 francs in 1904. The diminution in imports was chiefly in railway material and locomotives; flour and paddy show increases, as also cotton (raw).



*Trade of French Indo-China, French India, Dahomey, and  
St. Pierre and Miquelon.*

Larger shipments of rice and pepper account for the increase in exports.

**French India.**

| —              |     |     |     |     |     | 1903.                | 1904.                |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|----------------------|
|                |     |     |     |     |     | Franks.<br>9,319,596 | Franks.<br>5,737,936 |
| Imports        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28,059,019           | 30,534,504           |
| Exports        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |                      |                      |
| Total trade... |     |     |     |     |     | 37,378,615           | 36,272,440           |

A diminution of 2,022,267 francs is shown in the value of imports into French India from foreign countries. Decreases in imports are noticeable under the headings of coal, cotton goods, linen and paper.

Amongst exports, ground nuts show the largest increase.

**Dahomey.**

| —           |     |     |     |     |     | 1903.                 | 1904.                 |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|             |     |     |     |     |     | Franks.<br>11,264,258 | Franks.<br>10,681,238 |
| Imports     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9,540,066             | 11,156,009            |
| Exports     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |                       |                       |
| Total trade |     |     |     |     |     | 20,804,324            | 21,837,247            |

From foreign countries the imports into Dahomey in 1904 amounted in value to 8,904,603 francs, as compared with 9,175,110 francs in 1903.

A decrease in imports took place in cotton goods, guns and ammunition, whilst as regards exports, palm oil shows an advance.

**Saint Pierre and Miquelon.**

| —           |     |     |     |     |     | 1903.                | 1904.                |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|----------------------|
|             |     |     |     |     |     | Franks.<br>8,806,117 | Franks.<br>6,230,687 |
| Imports     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9,552,744            | 7,660,384            |
| Exports     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |                      |                      |
| Total trade |     |     |     |     |     | 17,858,861           | 13,891,071           |

Imports from foreign countries into Saint Pierre and Miquelon decreased in value from 4,081,264 francs in 1903 to 3,008,902 francs in 1904. The diminution in imports took place in timber, cordage, fish-hooks, anchors, cables, &c., and that in exports in cod fish.

### COAL INDUSTRY OF BRITISH INDIA IN 1904.

According to an official memorandum received at the Board of Trade, through the India Office, the divisions of mining properties show considerable changes in Bengal, the number of mines in that province in 1904 being 61 fewer than in 1901, while there was an increase in 1904 of 17 mines in other provinces, mainly owing to small workings started in the Jhelum district of the Panjab. The total number of coal mines in operation in 1904 was 296 (256 in Bengal), compared with 302 (279 in Bengal) in 1903. The production in Bengal in 1904 represents more than six-sevenths of the whole Indian output of coal, which has been as follows in the last five years:—

|      |     | Tons.     |      |     | Tons.     |
|------|-----|-----------|------|-----|-----------|
| 1900 | ... | 6,118,692 | 1903 | ... | 7,438,386 |
| 1901 | ... | 6,635,727 | 1904 | ... | 8,216,706 |
| 1902 | ... | 7,424,402 |      |     |           |

The output of the several districts in the last two years was as follows:—

|                                      | 1903.     | 1904.     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                      | Tons.     | Tons.     |
| Bengal ... ..                        | 6,361,212 | 7,063,680 |
| Singareni (Nizam's Territory) ... .. | 362,733   | 419,546   |
| Assam (Makum) ... ..                 | 239,328   | 266,765   |
| Central Provinces ... ..             | 159,154   | 139,027   |
| Central India (Umaria) ... ..        | 193,277   | 185,774   |
| Panjab ... ..                        | 43,704    | 45,594    |
| Baluchistan ... ..                   | 46,909    | 49,867    |
| Upper Burma ... ..                   | 9,306     | 1,105     |
| Bikaner ... ..                       | 21,764    | 45,078    |
| Kashmir (Jammu) ... ..               | 999       | 270       |

The output has increased every year for the last nineteen years, i.e., from 1,294,221 tons in 1885 to 8,216,706 tons in 1904. Dullness of trade was the cause of the increase in 1903 being very small, but there was a better demand in 1904, and the quantity raised was larger by 778,320 tons, or 10·5 per cent. Production has declined in the Warora and Umaria collieries (in the Central Provinces and Central India) and in Burma, but has risen elsewhere, nearly 90 per cent. of the rise being in Bengal. The two principal fields of Ranee-gunj and Jherriah, especially the latter, have largely increased their output, and the new Palamau field has improved its yield by 50 per cent., but in the Giridih field, which ranks next to Jherriah, the production was almost stationary. The exports of coal from Calcutta in 1904-05 amounted to 2,375,977 tons, about three-fourths of this being loaded into coasting vessels; and including 770,589 tons of bunker coal shipped for use on steamers engaged in the foreign and coasting trade, 3,146,566 tons of coal left the port, or nearly 45 per cent. of the output of Bengal collieries in 1904.

The steady demand did not improve prices, which were kept by competition at a very low level, often giving a bare margin of

*Coal Industry of British India in 1904.*

profit. The prices of Bengal coal (Jherriah best, loaded into waggons) has been as follows in the last four years :—

|                    | Per ton.          |                    | Per ton.          |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1902 { January ... | R.3 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 1904 { January ... | R.3 $\frac{1}{8}$ |
| { July ...         | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$   | { July ...         | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$   |
| 1903 { January ... | 3 $\frac{7}{16}$  | 1905 { January ... | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$   |
| { July ...         | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$   |                    |                   |

The exports of Indian coal to places beyond India were greater in 1904-05 than in any previous year, but they are still comparatively small, and the trade does not give promise of great development, for both the field and the amount of consumption are limited by the competition of English coal in one direction, and of cheap Australian and Japanese coal in the opposite direction. The chief customer for Indian coal is Ceylon, which with the Straits Settlements took 86 per cent. of the total exports in 1904-05. The quantities exported during the last three years have been as follows :—

|                         | 1902-03. | 1903-04. | 1904-05. |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                         | Tons.    | Tons.    | Tons.    |
| To Ceylon ... ..        | 274,473  | 257,251  | 374,754  |
| „ Straits ... ..        | 89,592   | 142,256  | 143,729  |
| „ Mauritius ... ..      | 14,700   | 8,802    | 13,413   |
| „ Aden ... ..           | 21,214   | 43,410   | 14,598   |
| „ Sumatra ... ..        | 14,655   | 13,975   | 30,802   |
| „ Other countries... .. | 16,918   | 27,376   | 17,536   |
| Total ... ..            | 431,552  | 493,070  | 594,832  |

Although India is in a position to supply all her own wants in fuel, the imports of foreign coal are still considerable, and amounted in 1904-05 to 252,393 tons imported as merchandise, and 22,812 tons as Government stores, this, however, being little more than one-third of the quantity imported ten years previously. Nearly three-eighths of the private imports and the whole of the Government imports were from the United Kingdom, mostly landed in Bombay, the remainder coming from Australia (10,746 tons) and Japan (55,443 tons). The quantity imported was 40 per cent. greater than in 1903-04, as the British coal trade was depressed and the freights for Welsh coal to Bombay and Karachi fell as low as 6s. a ton owing to the remunerative freights for produce obtainable for the return journey. There was a notable increase of imports from Japan, also due to the cheap freights charged by returning colliers which had carried Welsh coal to Japan.

The railways in India take a large share of the coal produced in the country, the consumption having risen steadily from 1,119,621 tons in 1895 to 2,447,341 tons in 1904, or about 29 per cent. of the total output in 1904, while in that year they burnt only 17,432 tons of imported coal.

## COTTON IN THE ARGENTINE CHACO.

According to a report by H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross, C.B.), the business of cotton growing in the Argentine Chaco promises well. The best land, in the opinion of an agricultural expert, and as the result of actual cultivation with good management, gives an average crop of 3,500 kilos. of seed cotton per hectare, and will in good years give 4,500 kilos. Second-class land will average 2,500 kilos., with frequent returns of 3,500 kilos. Probably one-fourth of all the arable land comes under the first class. The cost of picking, employing the very unskilled labour that is available, is high, probably about 6 c. per kilo. (5s. 3d. per cwt.).

The cost of seed and tillage up to the time of picking is about 30 dols. per hectare (1l. 1s. per acre), so that a crop from an area of 3,500 hectares would cost per hectare—for seed and tillage, 30 dols.; picking, at 6 c. per kilo., 210 dols., making a total of 240 dols.; and the return would be—3,500 kilos., at 13 c., 455 dols., or a profit of 215 dols. per hectare (7l. per acre). The owner of a farm in the Chaco of 100 hectares may be supposed to have 50 hectares pasture and 50 hectares arable. If he plants but 10 hectares he would get from that alone 2,150 dols. (185l.) in the first year. He would, of course, grow other crops in rotation with cotton, which would more than provide the living of his family, the interest on the money invested in land, stock and implements, so that the profit made on the cotton would all be clear gain. The picking season in the Chaco is from March to June inclusive.

On first-class lands a selling price of 5 to 6 c. per kilo. will leave a fair margin, and on second-class 8 or 9 c. will give a good result. If an average of 10 c. per kilo. can be obtained, taking one year with another, all the cotton lands of the Chaco will give most profitable returns, and the best of them will make their owners wealthy in a few years.

The main difficulties in connection with the industry are: (1) labour; (2) transport; (3) the ravages of a caterpillar. The first has not so far become serious. The supply of Indian labour has been sufficient for the comparatively small area of land that has been planted with cotton. The second would be overcome by an association of growers or mill-owners for the purpose of acquiring the plant (lighters and tugs) necessary for the transport from one of the river ports in the Chaco to an ocean seaport down river. The third has been studied by an entomologist from the Agricultural Department of the Argentine Government. But it has not yet been determined whether the insect is actually the cotton caterpillar *Aletia argillacea* Hübner, although it produces the same effects on the cotton plants and can be combated by similar means.

In the provinces of Rioja, Catamarca, Salta, Jujuy, Tucuman, and in the territories of Formosa and Misiones, cotton has been successfully grown, but as no ginning mills have been built there has been little encouragement to effect planting on a large scale.

### *Cotton in the Argentine Chaco.*

In former times, when there was little or no communication with the old world, cotton was grown in the places above-mentioned and in Paraguay to supply the wants of the people. Nowadays imported textiles undersell native hand-made fabrics, and planting has almost ceased.

Without steam ginning mills there will be no planting, but according to rough estimates of receipts and expenditure shown in Mr. Ross's report, there is a place for the mill owner.

Two samples\* of cotton were sent by Mr. Ross with his report:—

1. Cotton generally grown in the Chaco, ginned at the Anglo-Argentine Cotton Company's factory in Resistencia, of American origin but now known as Chaco.
2. Unginned cotton of the "Doughty" class, grown at the company's estancia at Vedia. (*Foreign Office, Miscellaneous Series, 639.*)

\* To be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

## PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

### BRAZIL.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a Bill which has been laid before the Brazilian Legislature, proposing to increase the proportion of import duty leviable in gold from 25 to 50 per cent. in the case of certain articles, so long as the rate of exchange remains above 13*d.* to the milreis. As soon as the rate of exchange falls to 13*d.* or below, it is proposed that the present proportion of 25 per cent. gold and 75 per cent. paper shall be reverted to.

Among the articles, the import duty on which will be affected should the Bill in its present form become law, are the following:—

Cordage; hides and skins, raw and dressed; milk, butter, and cheese; rice, husked or unhusked; meats (fresh or preserved) and bacon; flour and biscuits; oils; fermented beverages; salt; wines; cotton yarn; cotton bags; cotton hosiery; cotton lace; cotton piece goods, plain or figured; cloths, kerseymeres, chevots, American flannels, serge, and diagonals, of wool or of wool and cotton; canvas, Brittany cloth, cambric, muslin, Irish linens, &c.; paper of all kinds, and pasteboard; earthenware; certain porcelain and glasswares; pig and puddled iron; French nails; waggons, carriages, &c., for railways; matches and match splints.

The present Bill is apparently not a Government measure, but H.M. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro, in forwarding the text of the Bill, states that this or a similar measure will probably be passed.

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of a Supplement (No. 48) to the Customs Tariff Guide, dated 21st July last, giving Customs decisions respecting the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into the Commonwealth.

The following are the principal decisions given :—

| Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Rates of Duty.       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Asbestos—pipe lagging asbestos core, with loose spun covering of asbestos ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Free.                |
| Bricks—<br>If for reverberatory furnaces, irrespective of branding ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Free.                |
| Confetti (paper)—<br>As manufactured stationery ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 25 % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| Flour, pea—<br>As prepared flour ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2s. 6d. per cential. |
| Fuse chains (chains for inside a watch)—<br>As watches, parts of ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 20 % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| Fuses, electric detonators, for mining purposes—<br>As fuse ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Free.                |
| * Handles, chest, if trunk—<br>As minor articles for bags, &c. ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Free.                |
| * Hats and caps—<br>Sewn, item 63 (c). As a working rule, it may be assumed that where the shape of a hat or cap is determined by the foundation or frame, such hats or caps are not to be considered sewn within the meaning of item 63 (c). Straw hats, and such hats as require to be made on blocks or presses, are not to be classed as sewn. |                      |
| Moulds, bougie, similar to suppository moulds—<br>As tools of trade ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Free.                |
| Orgbulo (an electric organ blower)—<br>As electrical machinery and appliances ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12½ % <i>ad val.</i> |
| Polish, pearless, composed of lime with carbonate of lime and fat—<br>As other articles ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Free.                |
| Ribbon (ruching)—<br>As piece-goods, velvets, &c. ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 15 % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| Sharks' fins—<br>As fish, n.e.i. ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5s. per cwt.         |

\* Revised decision.

### CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The Cape Customs Department have thought it desirable to issue the following warning in the "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 22nd August last, with reference to invoices for goods imported by parcels post in the Colony :—

"In consequence of the steps taken by this Department to prevent the underpayment of duty on goods sent per Parcels Post, the suppliers (especially



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| Articles.                                                                                                                                                                          | Rates of<br>Import<br>Duty. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cheese ... .. per lb.                                                                                                                                                              | s. d.<br>0 1½               |
| Cigars, if over the value or cost of 6s. per 100 ... ..                                                                                                                            | 5 0                         |
| " if of or under the value or cost of 6s. per 100 ... ..                                                                                                                           | 8 0                         |
| Cigarettes ... ..                                                                                                                                                                  | 3 9                         |
| Coal, coke and patent fuel ... .. per ton                                                                                                                                          | 3 0                         |
| Coffee, cocoa and chocolate not prepared with sugar arti-<br>ficially incorporated in a notable proportion ... .. per lb.                                                          | 0 1½                        |
| Cordials, liqueurs, and sweetened spirits ... .. per gallon                                                                                                                        | 7 6                         |
| Corn and wheat ... .. per bushel                                                                                                                                                   | 0 4½                        |
| Corn meal, per barrel or bag, not exceeding 196 lbs., and<br>other packages in like proportion ... ..                                                                              | 3 0                         |
| Drugs, viz.: Opium, bhang, or gange... .. per lb.                                                                                                                                  | 15 0                        |
| Fish, dried or smoked ... .. per cwt.                                                                                                                                              | 2 3                         |
| " pickled, viz.:—Herrings, mackerel, and other pickled<br>fish (except salmon), per barrel, not exceeding 200 lbs.,<br>and other packages in like proportion ... ..                | 3 9                         |
| " pickled salmon, per barrel, not exceeding 200 lbs.,<br>and other packages in like proportion... ..                                                                               | 12 0                        |
| Flour of wheat, per barrel or bag, not exceeding 196 lbs.,<br>and other packages in like proportion... ..                                                                          | 7 6                         |
| " oatmeal or rye, per barrel or bag, not exceeding<br>224 lbs., and other packages in like proportion ... ..                                                                       | 6 0                         |
| Fruits and vegetables, canned, tinned, bottled, or otherwise<br>preserved ... .. per lb.                                                                                           | 0 1½                        |
| Gin, not sweetened, and not exceeding the strength of<br>proof by Sykes' hydrometer, and so in proportion for any<br>greater strength than the strength of proof ... .. per gallon | 6 3                         |
| Gunpowder and all explosives ... .. per lb.                                                                                                                                        | 0 9                         |
| Guns ... .. each                                                                                                                                                                   | 30 0                        |
| Hams and bacon ... .. per lb.                                                                                                                                                      | 0 1½                        |
| Horses ... .. each                                                                                                                                                                 | 45 0                        |
| Lard and its compounds ... .. per lb.                                                                                                                                              | 0 0½                        |
| Lumber, viz.:—Oak, beech, elm, mahogany, hickory, and all<br>hard wood, per 1,000 ft. by superficial measurement, 1 in.<br>thick ... ..                                            | 31 3                        |
| Lumber, pitch pine, per 1,000 ft., by superficial measure-<br>ment, 1 in. thick ... ..                                                                                             | 12 6                        |
| Lumber, white pine and spruce, per 1,000 ft. by super-<br>ficial measurement, 1 in. thick ... ..                                                                                   | 9 4½                        |
| Macaroni and vermicelli ... .. per lb.                                                                                                                                             | 0 0½                        |
| Matches in boxes or packets ... .. per gross                                                                                                                                       | 0 4½                        |
| Milk, condensed ... .. per 100 lbs                                                                                                                                                 | 1 8                         |
| Mules ... .. each                                                                                                                                                                  | 15 0                        |
| Oats ... .. per bushel                                                                                                                                                             | 0 4½                        |
| Oil, castor, cod liver, and olive... .. per gallon                                                                                                                                 | 1 6                         |
| " all other not being rock oil ... ..                                                                                                                                              | 1 0                         |
| " kerosene, per case of eight Imperial gallons, and so in<br>proportion ... ..                                                                                                     | 2 3                         |
| Oil meal, linseed meal, cotton seed meal, and similar<br>preparations ... .. per 100 lbs.                                                                                          | 1 8                         |
| Oleomargarine, and similar compounds ... .. per lb.                                                                                                                                | 0 1½                        |
| Onions and garlic ... ..                                                                                                                                                           | 0 0½                        |
| Peas, beans, barley, and calavances ... .. per bushel                                                                                                                              | 0 9                         |



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| Articles.                                                                                                                                                                     | Rates of<br>Import<br>Duty. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>s. d.</i>                                                                                                                                                                  |                             |
| Perfumery, and perfumed spirits, hair oils, pomades, powders, toilet or fancy soaps, and similar toilet preparations ... ..                                                   | <i>ad val.</i> 30 %         |
| Pistols and revolvers ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | each 15 0                   |
| Pork, in pickle or salt ... ..                                                                                                                                                | per lb. 0 0½                |
| Potatoes, other than sweet potatoes, per barrel or bag, not exceeding 160 lbs., and other packages in proportion ...                                                          | 2 3                         |
| Rice ... ..                                                                                                                                                                   | per 100 lbs. 3 1½           |
| Rum, not sweetened and not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof ... ..              | per gallon 4 10½            |
| Sausages and tongues not in tins ... ..                                                                                                                                       | per lb. 0 1½                |
| Shingles, cedar and pine ... ..                                                                                                                                               | per 1,000 3 1½              |
| " Cypress and Wallaba... ..                                                                                                                                                   | " 6 8                       |
| Shooks ... ..                                                                                                                                                                 | each bundle 0 4½            |
| " with heads ... ..                                                                                                                                                           | " 0 6                       |
| Soap, other than fancy or toilet ... ..                                                                                                                                       | per lb. 0 0½                |
| Spars of wood ... ..                                                                                                                                                          | <i>ad val.</i> 15 %         |
| Spirits not otherwise specified and not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof ... .. | per gallon 6 3              |
| Staves ... ..                                                                                                                                                                 | per 1,000 12 6              |
| Sugar, refined, and preparations with sugar artificially incorporated in a notable proportion ... ..                                                                          | per 100 lbs. 2 1            |
| Sugar, unrefined ... ..                                                                                                                                                       | " 1 8                       |
| Tallow and grease ... ..                                                                                                                                                      | <i>ad val.</i> 15 %         |
| Tea ... ..                                                                                                                                                                    | per lb. 0 9                 |
| Tobacco, viz., leaf tobacco if imported in packages containing not less than 500 lbs. ... ..                                                                                  | " 1 1½                      |
| Tobacco, viz., leaf if imported in packages containing less than 500 lbs. ... ..                                                                                              | " 3 0                       |
| Tobacco, manufactured tobacco including snuff ... ..                                                                                                                          | " 3 9                       |
| Vinegar ... ..                                                                                                                                                                | per gallon 0 4½             |
| Whisky, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof ... ..                             | " 6 9                       |
| Wine, including all flavoured or medicated wine ... ..                                                                                                                        | <i>ad val.</i> 37½ %        |
| Wood hoops ... ..                                                                                                                                                             | per 1,200 pieces 12 6       |
| All other dutiable goods... ..                                                                                                                                                | <i>ad val.</i> 15 %         |

The articles specified in the free list are, for the most part, the same as those previously allowed to be imported free of duty, and include goods (except rum), the produce of the Leeward Islands (other than Dominica), re-imported articles which have been exported for repair, sucking animals, passengers' baggage, blasting powder for use in making roads, bullion, books and other printed matter, charts and maps, chemicals for agricultural purposes, Consular articles, eggs, fertilizers and manures, fish (fresh or on ice), fruits and vegetables, not preserved (except potatoes, other

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than sweet potatoes), furniture and household effects, gold in bars, plate or wire, ice, insecticides, music, multiple effect machinery for manufacturing sugar, military and naval stores, oil for use as fuel in oil engines, packages, pictures and engravings, plants, shrubs and seeds, poultry, articles for use in public worship and education, railway and tramway materials, salt, shipbuilding materials, natural history specimens, steam engines and machinery for agriculture, irrigation or mining, for the manufacture of sugar or rum, the ginning or baling of cotton, or for making cotton seed oil, surgical instruments, telegraphic apparatus, tombstones and railings for graves, turtle, samples not for sale, and workmen's tools and professional apparatus when brought by a passenger for his own use.

A copy of a further Ordinance (No. 5 of 1905) has also been received, which provides for the imposition of the **New Export Tariff.** export duties from 1st April, 1905, on certain articles, the growth, produce and manufacture of the Presidency of Montserrat, on exportation therefrom.

The following is a complete list of the export duties imposed by the Ordinance :—

| Articles.                                          | Rates of<br>Export<br>Duty. |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Animals—</b>                                    | <i>s. d.</i>                |
| Asses ... .. per head                              | 2 0                         |
| Cattle ... .. "                                    | 6 0                         |
| Calves under 6 months, with their mothers          | Free                        |
| Goats ... .. per head                              | 0 4                         |
| Horses ... .. "                                    | 5 0                         |
| Mules ... .. "                                     | 7 6                         |
| Pigs ... .. "                                      | 0 6                         |
| Sheep ... .. "                                     | 0 6                         |
| Bay leaves ... .. per 100 lbs.                     | 1 0                         |
| Carts, felloes and naves ... .. per dozen          | 0 3                         |
| Cocoa and coffee ... .. per 100 lbs.               | 2 1                         |
| <b>Cotton—</b>                                     |                             |
| Sea Island or other long staple varieties ... .. " | 4 2                         |
| Short staple varieties ... .. "                    | 2 1                         |
| Seed ... .. "                                      | 4 2                         |
| <b>Corn</b> ... .. per bushel                      | 0 2                         |
| <b>Essential oils—</b>                             |                             |
| Bay ... .. per gallon                              | 2 0                         |
| Other kinds if expressed or equelled ... .. "      | 1 6                         |
| All other kinds if otherwise extracted ... .. "    | 0 6                         |
| <b>Fruits and vegetables, fresh—</b>               |                             |
| Bananas and plantains ... .. per 100 bunches       | 2 1                         |
| Limes and oranges ... .. per barrel                | 0 2                         |
| " " per box not above 2 cubic feet, per 100 boxes  | 2 1                         |
| Sweet potatoes ... .. per barrel                   | 0 2                         |
| All other kinds in boxes ... .. per 5 cubic feet   | 0 2                         |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***MONTSERRAT**—*continued.*

| Articles.                                                                                                 |     |     |                                               |     |                 | Rates of<br>Export<br>Duty. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                                                                           |     |     |                                               |     |                 | <i>s. d.</i>                |
| <b>Hides and skins—</b>                                                                                   |     |     |                                               |     |                 |                             |
| Cattle hides                                                                                              | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | each            | 0 3                         |
| All other skins                                                                                           | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per dozen       | 0 3                         |
| <b>Lime juice—</b>                                                                                        |     |     |                                               |     |                 |                             |
| Concentrated                                                                                              | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per 100 gallons | 8 4                         |
| Raw                                                                                                       | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | "               | 0 10                        |
| Limes, pickled                                                                                            | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | " per barrel    | 0 6                         |
| Molasses                                                                                                  | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per 100 gallons | 2 1                         |
| Papaine                                                                                                   | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per lb.         | 0 6                         |
| Peas and beans                                                                                            | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per bushel      | 0 1                         |
| Poultry                                                                                                   | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per dozen       | 0 3                         |
| Starches (viz., arrowroot, sago, tapioca, cassava, and all similar starches and preparations of the same) |     |     |                                               |     |                 |                             |
|                                                                                                           | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per 100 lbs.    | 1 0½                        |
| <b>Sugar—</b>                                                                                             |     |     |                                               |     |                 |                             |
| Muscovado                                                                                                 | ... | {   | per hogshead (over 32 in. truss)              |     |                 | 2 6                         |
|                                                                                                           |     |     | per tierce (over 28 in. and less than 32 in.) |     |                 | 2 0                         |
|                                                                                                           |     |     | per cask (less than 28 in.)                   |     |                 | 1 0                         |
|                                                                                                           |     |     | per barrel or bag                             |     |                 | 0 5                         |
| Syrup                                                                                                     | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per 100 gallons | 4 2                         |
| Tamarinds                                                                                                 | ... | ... | ...                                           | ... | per barrel      | 0 2                         |

**JAMAICA.**

The Board of Trade have received, from the Colonial Secretary, Jamaica, a copy of a Law (No. 6 of 1905) whereby the excise duties upon soap and matches manufactured in Jamaica are temporarily increased.

The present Law has been passed in connection with the imposition of a surtax of 6 per cent., under Law No. 3 of 1905, upon similar articles imported into the Colony (see "Board of Trade Journal" for 27th April last), and will remain in force so long as Law No. 3 of 1905 is in operation.

The following are the *additional* excise duties imposed by the present Law, which takes effect from 21st March, 1905:—

| Articles.                                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  | Rates of Additional<br>Excise Duty. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  | <i>s. d.</i>                        |
| Soap—per box, each box containing 56 lbs. weight of soap, and in proportion for any greater or less quantity...           |  |  |  |  |  | 0 2                                 |
| Matches—per 100 gross of boxes, each box to contain 50 sticks or less, and in proportion for any greater or less quantity |  |  |  |  |  | 9 9                                 |

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### **JAMAICA**—*continued.*

Copies of Regulations have also been received from the Government of Jamaica affecting the importation of petrol, gasolene, petroleum, and sugar into the Colony.

**Regulations  
relating to  
Importation of  
Petrol, Petroleum,  
and Sugar.**

The Regulations provide that petrol, gasolene, and petroleum, giving off an inflammable vapour at a temperature lower than 95 deg. Fahr., when in quantity exceeding eight ounces, shall be exclusively contained in strong metal vessels so constructed as to prevent leakage or escape of vapour, and that the vessels shall be marked in conspicuous characters, "highly inflammable. Do not approach this vessel with a light or fire of any description."

No petrol or gasolene under 95 deg. Fahr. will be admitted into the Colony, *except in stout steel drums*; well-fitting screw stoppers are indispensable.

In the case of the importation of crude petroleum, a fee of 10s. will be charged for analysis of any sample wrongfully claimed to be "crude petroleum," the duty on which is, under Law No. 2 of 1905, 1d. per gallon.

The Regulations made under the Sugar Convention Law, No. 10 of 1904, were issued by the Governor-in-Council on 8th August, 1905, and require all importations of sugar (other than molasses and sugar-sweetened products) to be accompanied by a certificate of origin. The Collector of Customs, for any sufficient cause, may, if he see fit, waive the operation of these sugar regulations until 1st November next.

#### **RUSSIA.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of a despatch from H.M. Ambassador at St. Petersburg, reporting that the Russian Government, by an Imperial Decree issued on the 15th inst., have abolished the additional duties levied on certain iron and steel manufactures and machinery, on white resin, and on bicycles, of United States origin. (For particulars of these additional duties, *see* the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 7th March, 1901, and for the 20th June, 1901.)

#### **GERMANY.**

In accordance with an Order of the Director-General of Customs at Hamburg, *artificial birds* made of cotton-wool and mounted on wire, are to be dutiable on importation into Germany under No. 20 c(3) of the Tariff, at the rate of 120 marks per 100 kilogs. (6½d. per lb.).

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***BERMUDA.**

The Board of Trade have received from the Colonial Secretary at Bermuda a copy of the "Appropriation Act, 1905" (No. 9 of 1905), which provides for the imposition of duties on articles imported into the Colony of Bermuda to 30th June, 1906.

The present Act re-imposes, for the most part, the import duties previously in force—the principal alterations made being as follows:—

| Articles.                                                                                                     | Rates of Import Duty.     |                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                               | Old Tariff.               | New Tariff.                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                               | <i>s. d.</i>              | <i>s. d.</i>                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Bananas—</b>                                                                                               |                           |                                                                                                                                            |
| If imported in the months of July—<br>November, 1904, and June, 1905                                          | 1 6                       | —                                                                                                                                          |
| per bunch                                                                                                     | Free                      | —                                                                                                                                          |
| If imported in other months ... ..                                                                            | —                         | 2 6                                                                                                                                        |
| If imported in the months of July—<br>December, 1905, and May and June,<br>1906 ... .. per bunch              | —                         | Free                                                                                                                                       |
| If imported in other months ... ..                                                                            | Free                      | 10l.*                                                                                                                                      |
| Bulbs of the <i>lilium longiflorum</i> per 1,000                                                              |                           |                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Eggs</b> ... .. per doz.                                                                                   | 3d. all the<br>year round | If imported in—<br>July, August and<br>September, 1905,<br>and April, May<br>and June, 1906,<br>3d.<br>Other months,<br>5 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| <b>Potatoes—</b> per barrel or bag not exceeding<br>180 lbs. during the months of January to<br>August ... .. |                           | 4 0                                                                                                                                        |
| Wood alcohol, wood naphtha, or methyl-<br>alcohol ... .. per gall.                                            | 5 % <i>ad val.</i>        | 0 3                                                                                                                                        |

\* The Bermuda Colonial Secretary states that this duty has been imposed to prevent the importation of inferior Japanese bulbs.

**MEXICO.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 124 of the "Journal" for the 20th July last, respecting the temporary reduction of the Mexican import duty on wheat to 1 peso 50 cts. per 100 kilogs. (gross weight), the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the reduced duty is to remain in force until the 31st December next, after which date the duty will be raised to 3 pesos per 100 kilogs. (gross weight), in accordance with the revised Customs Tariff.

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### BELGIUM—GERMANY.

With reference to the notice published at p. 499 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal," the following is a translation of a portion of the new schedule of duties to be levied on German imports into Belgium, the schedule being equally applicable to imports from the United Kingdom:—

| Tariff No.      | Articles.                                                                                                            | Rate of Duty.           |                                                             |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                                                                                                      | At present.             | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new Belgian-German Treaty. |
| <i>Ex 1</i>     | Starch ... ..                                                                                                        | Frs. Cts.<br>Free.      | Frs. Cts.<br>Free.                                          |
| <i>Ex 2</i>     | Live animals—                                                                                                        |                         |                                                             |
|                 | Sheep—                                                                                                               | <i>Per head.</i>        | <i>Per head.</i>                                            |
|                 | Rams, ewes, and wethers ...                                                                                          | 2 00                    | 2 00                                                        |
|                 | Lambs ... ..                                                                                                         | 1 00                    | 1 00                                                        |
|                 | Poultry ... ..                                                                                                       | Free.                   | Free.                                                       |
| 3               | Arms ... ..                                                                                                          | <i>Per hectol.</i>      | <i>Per hectol.</i>                                          |
|                 |                                                                                                                      | 5 00                    | 5 00                                                        |
| <i>Ex 5 (?)</i> | Beer, in casks ... ..                                                                                                |                         |                                                             |
| <i>Ex 6</i>     | Wood—                                                                                                                |                         |                                                             |
|                 | Poles and pieces of unbarked and unsawn wood having a circumference of less than 75 centimetres at the thick end ... | <i>Per cub. metre.</i>  | <i>Per cub. metre.</i>                                      |
|                 |                                                                                                                      | 1 00                    | 1 00                                                        |
|                 | Manufactures of wood—                                                                                                |                         |                                                             |
|                 | Casks, fitted together or in shooks—                                                                                 |                         | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i>                                      |
|                 | Of oak ... ..                                                                                                        | { 10 % <i>ad val.</i>   | { 5 00                                                      |
|                 | Of other wood ... ..                                                                                                 |                         | { 2 00                                                      |
|                 | Other manufactures ... ..                                                                                            | 10 % "                  | 10 % <i>ad val.</i>                                         |
| <i>Ex 10</i>    | Caoutchouc, manufactured ... ..                                                                                      | 10 % "                  | 10 % "                                                      |
| 11              | Printing type ... ..                                                                                                 | Free.                   | Free.                                                       |
| <i>Ex 15</i>    | Twine from 2 m.m. to 8 m.m. in diameter ... ..                                                                       | "                       | "                                                           |
| <i>Ex 17</i>    | Husked rice ... ..                                                                                                   | "                       | "                                                           |
|                 | Salt, crude ... ..                                                                                                   | "                       | "                                                           |
| <i>Ex 19</i>    | Glue ... ..                                                                                                          | "                       | "                                                           |
|                 | Mineral waters of all kinds ... ..                                                                                   | "                       | "                                                           |
| <i>Ex 24</i>    | Woollen yarn—                                                                                                        | <i>Per 100 "kilogs.</i> | <i>Per 100 "kilogs.</i>                                     |
|                 | Carded ... ..                                                                                                        | 5 00                    | 5 00                                                        |
|                 | Combed—                                                                                                              |                         |                                                             |
|                 | Single—                                                                                                              |                         |                                                             |
|                 | Not dyed ... ..                                                                                                      | 15 00                   | 15 00                                                       |
|                 | Dyed ... ..                                                                                                          | 20 00                   | 20 00                                                       |
|                 | Twisted—                                                                                                             |                         |                                                             |
|                 | Not dyed ... ..                                                                                                      | 20 00                   | 20 00                                                       |
|                 | Dyed ... ..                                                                                                          | 25 00                   | 25 00                                                       |
|                 | Yarns of silk [not including those prepared for retail sale]* ... ..                                                 | Free                    | Free                                                        |

\* Words in square brackets added in New Treaty.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***BELGIUM—GERMANY—continued.**

| Tariff No.   | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Rate of Duty.                 |                                                             |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | At present.                   | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new Belgian-German Treaty. |
|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Frs. Cts.                     | Frs. Cts.                                                   |
| <i>Ex 27</i> | Wearing apparel, linen, and ready-made articles of all kinds—<br>Linen [ <i>lingerie</i> ] of all kinds—<br>Simply sewn, neither ornamented nor embroidered ...<br>Other, of all kinds ...<br><i>Note.</i> —Linen provided with tie bands not having an ornamental character; also linen simply pleated or trimmed with pleats of the same tissue as that of which the article is made, are to be regarded as "simply sewn, neither ornamented nor embroidered."<br>Clothing for women [not including clothing of silk, pure or in combination with other textile materials, the silk predominating in weight]*—<br>Simply sewn, without ornament or embroidery ...<br>Other, of all kinds ...<br><i>Note.</i> —Only clothing the principal outer part of which consists of pure or mixed silk is considered as "clothing for women, of pure or mixed silk"; no account being taken of the lining and ornaments of pure or mixed silk.<br>Clothing for men, not specially enumerated† ...<br>Hosiery ...<br>Articles made up wholly or in part, not comprised among those enumerated above [and not specially tariffed]* ... | 15 % <i>ad val.</i><br>20 % " | 15 % <i>ad val.</i><br>18 % "                               |
| <i>Ex 28</i> | Colza, rape seed, palm-nut oil (palm-kernel oil, copra oil) ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 15 % "                        | 15 % "                                                      |
| 29           | Scientific instruments and apparatus<br><i>Note.</i> — Photographic instruments and apparatus specially constructed with a view to scientific research (astronomy, meteorology, micrography, &c.) are included in the category of "scientific instruments and apparatus."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Free.<br>Free                 | Free.<br>Free                                               |
| 30           | Musical instruments ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10 % <i>ad val.</i>           | 10 % <i>ad val.</i>                                         |

\* Words in square brackets added in new Treaty.

† i.e., excluding woollen clothing and hats.





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## BELGIUM—GERMANY—continued.

| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Rate of Duty.                         |                                                             |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | At Present.                           | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new Belgian-German Treaty. |
| 34         | Morocco leather wares ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Frs. Cts.<br>15 % <i>ad val.</i>      | Frs. Cts.<br>15 % <i>ad val.</i>                            |
| Ex 36      | Cement; thermite (mixture of aluminium in powder and oxides); emery, even ground, or in boxes or similar small receptacles ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Free                                  | Free                                                        |
| 38         | Small wares ( <i>mercerie</i> ) and hardware [(including paper collars, cuffs, &c., covered with tissue)]† ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | { 10 % <i>ad val.</i> *<br>15 % „ † } | { 13 % <i>ad val.</i>                                       |
| Ex 39      | Copper wire ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Per 100 kilogs.<br>10 00              | Per 100 kilogs.<br>10 00                                    |
|            | Copper and nickel, wrought ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10 % <i>ad val.</i>                   | 10 % <i>ad val.</i>                                         |
|            | Iron, hammered or hot-rolled in bars, and steel in bars, without regard to form or mode of manufacture (with the exception of rails), provided they have not been subjected to any further process of manufacture than hammering or hot-rolling by any process; including shafting simply rough-shaped by the steam hammer but unpolished, and unpolished bars impressed with patterns by hot-rolling; as also plates or sheets pierced or not with holes for bolts, screws, or rivets ... .. | Per 100 kilogs.<br>1 00               | Per 100 kilogs.<br>1 00                                     |
|            | Band iron and band steel, for hoops of casks ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 00                                  | 1 00                                                        |
|            | Girders, simply rolled, even pierced with holes, but not curved ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 00                                  | 1 00                                                        |
|            | Wheel tyres, rough from the forge, <i>i.e.</i> , simply hammered or hot-rolled, including those produced by circular rolling ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 00                                  | 1 00                                                        |

\* Articles specially mentioned in the Customs Tariff. :

† Words in square brackets added by Treaty with Germany.

‡ Other articles.

(To be continued.)

## NICARAGUA.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Decree of the President of Nicaragua suppressing the Custom-house of re-examination (*bodega de revision*) at Bluefields, and imposing a surtax of 5 per cent. on the import and export duties levied at that port, in lieu of the duties formerly payable on the re-examination of goods thereat.

**Surtax on  
Import and  
Export Duties at  
Bluefields.**

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### **NICARAGUA**—*continued.*

The Board are also in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a further Nicaraguan Decree suspending the import duties on maize, beans, and rice until the end of the current year, except as regards imports through ports on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua.

**Temporary  
Suspension of  
Import Duties on  
Maize, Beans  
and Rice.**

#### **COLOMBIA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Colombian Presidential Decree, dated the 19th June, 1905, laying down regulations for the conversion of the existing currency\* and appropriating certain revenues to that purpose.

Among other provisions the Decree establishes a Government monopoly of hides (†); that is to say, all hides of beasts slaughtered in the country become the property of the Government, by and for whom all such hides are exported. This monopoly takes the place of all national or departmental slaughter taxes previously levied.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Decree of the President of Colombia, exempting invoices covering only gold coin of a fineness of not less than .900 from the payment of Consular fees. The obligation, however, to furnish the usual invoice and certificate of the Consul in the case of consignments of such coin is not cancelled.

**Free Certification  
of certain  
Consular Invoices.**

#### **PARAGUAY.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Paraguayan Law, dated 14th July, 1905, authorising the Government to levy the following special duties, the revenues from which are to be appropriated to certain port works specified in the Law:—

**Special Wharf  
Duty.—Special  
Tax on Timber  
loaded at  
Asuncion.**

(a) A wharf duty of 1 cent (gold) per 10 kilogs. on all articles loaded or unloaded at any port, whether or not use be made of the wharf; and

(b) A tax of 46 cents (gold) per cubic metre on timber loaded in the port of Asuncion.

The special wharf duty (a) was to be levied from the date of the promulgation of this Law; and the tax on timber (b) is to be collected as soon as the wharves which are to be constructed for loading timber are open for public use. Both the taxes will remain in force until the loan to be raised in connection with the authorised port works is paid off.

\* See the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 31st August, p. 425.

† " " " " 18th May, p. 312.

## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### FRENCH WEST AFRICA.

According to the "Quinzaine Coloniale" (Paris) everything points to the completion of the Abidjan to Ery-Makougnié (80 kil.) section of the Ivory Coast railway by about next January. The permanent way is already laid up to 30 kilom. and the sleepers up to 45 kilom.

The branch from Ouidah on the Dahomey railway is being actively pushed forward and the way is expected to be laid as far as Lake Ahémé this September.

### OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

H.M. Consul-General at Salonica (Mr. R. W. Graves, C.M.G.), in a recent despatch, calls attention to the fact that practically all the business of the port is in the hands of Jewish shippers, agents, stevedores, lightermen, &c., and consequently little or no work can be done in loading or unloading merchandise from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday, or on the Jewish festivals, a fact which should be borne in mind when charter-parties are signed for Salonica.

### PERSIA.

The report for the year 1904-5 on the trade of Khorassan, written by H.M. Consul-General at Meshed (Major P. M. Sykes, C.M.G.), contains, at pp. 10-14, some interesting details with regard to the various British trade routes to that province, together with a statement showing the distance to Meshed by each route, the cost of carriage, length of journey, nature of transport, and the value of the trade. The report may be obtained at a cost of 2½d., exclusive of postage, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

### HAYTI.

A despatch has been received at the Board of Trade, from the Acting British Consul-General at Port-au-Prince (Mr. L. J. Jerome), enclosing a copy of "Le Moniteur," of 9th August, in which is contained a copy of a contract entered into by the Haytian Government and certain individuals for the erection of lighthouses at various ports of the Republic, named below.

The Bill approving the contract fixes the lighthouse dues for the ports of Jacmel, Les Cayes, Jérémie, Miragoâne, Petit-Goâve, Gonaïves, Saint-Marc, and Port-de-Paix, at 5 centimes gold (American) per ton of gross register.

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*Shipping and Transport.*

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No dues are leviable at the ports of Môle St. Nicolas and Cape Tiburon, where lighthouses are also to be erected, as these ports are not open to foreign commerce.

Foreign vessels entering the ports of Port-au-Prince and Cape Haytien will benefit by the new tariff from the date of the promulgation of the present law, that is to say, they will pay 5 centimes gold (American) per ton gross register only, instead of 6 centimes gold, as heretofore.

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## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### BRITISH INDIA—BENGAL.

With reference to the notice published on p. 460 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th December, 1904, the Board of Trade have received, through the India Office, a copy of a notification issued by the Government of Bengal on the 27th June last, containing revised rules for regulating the grant, to owners of motor vehicles, of licences to possess and transport petrol for use in such vehicles in that Province.

These rules may be consulted at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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### GERMANY.

H.M. Consul-General at Hamburg (Sir W. Ward, C.V.O.), in a recent despatch, refers to the decision of the Vulcan Shipbuilding Company, of Stettin, to establish an extensive branch building yard at Hamburg, and remarks that the site acquired by the Company for this purpose is on the left bank of the River Elbe just below Hamburg, and covers about 57 acres. This ground has been leased to the Stettin Company by the State of Hamburg for a term of 50 years; and the Hamburg authorities have undertaken to obtain from the German Government that the area occupied by the new Vulcan building yard shall be granted the privileges of a free district in so far as Customs are concerned, whilst it will be subject to the same laws and regulations in this respect as the other parts of the Hamburg free port district.

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**New  
Shipbuilding  
Yard at  
Hamburg  
to be a free  
Customs  
District.**

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***FRENCH INDO-CHINA.**

According to the "Quinzaine Coloniale," the Thai-Nguyen province of Indo-China is very rich in minerals, which have not yet been exploited owing to lack of proper means of communication. At Cu-Van (12 kil. from Thai-Nguyen) works were started in July last in connection with the coal and iron deposits there, and their success augurs well for the future of the industry. The forthcoming construction of the railway between Dong-khé and Thai-Nguyen, which will probably be extended as far as Cu-van, will assure an outlet for the products of the latter province.

**Mineral Resources.****FRANCE-NEW CALEDONIA.**

The "Quinzaine Coloniale" gives the following figures of the export of ores from New Caledonia during the first six months of this year. In order to afford a comparison, the figures for the year 1904 are added :—

|                   | 1904.      | 1905 (Six Months). |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
|                   | Kilogs.    | Kilogs.            |
| Nickel ore ... .. | 98,655,104 | 65,172,164         |
| Cobalt ore ... .. | 8,964,183  | 5,283,222          |
| Chrome ore ... .. | 42,197,477 | 26,942,109         |

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

According to the "Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association" the production of all kinds of coal in the United States in the calendar year 1904 amounted to 314,562,881 tons, against 319,068,229 tons in 1903, a decrease of 4,505,348 tons. Of the total production of last year 65,318,490 tons were Pennsylvania anthracite and 249,244,391 tons were bituminous. In 1903 the production of Pennsylvania anthracite amounted to 66,613,454 tons and of bituminous coal to 252,454,775 tons. This was a decrease in 1904 as compared with 1903 of 1,294,964 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and of 3,210,384 tons of bituminous.

The value of the anthracite produced decreased from 152,036,448 dols. in 1903 to 138,974,020 dols. in 1904, a loss of 13,062,428 dols., or 8·6 per cent., while the value of the bituminous produced declined from 351,687,933 dols. in 1903 to 305,842,268 dols. in 1904, a decrease of 45,845,665 dols., or 13·04 per cent. The average prices per ton for the marketed sizes of anthracite coal in

NOTE.—The ton referred to is the ton of 2,240 lbs.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

1904 was 2.35 dols., as compared with 2.50 dols. in 1903, 2.35 dols. in 1902, and 2.05 dols. in 1901. The average price per net ton of the bituminous coal produced in 1904 was 1.10 dol. compared with 1.24 dol. in 1903, 1.12 dol. in 1902, and 1.05 dol. in 1901.

There were 31 States and Territories in the United States in which coal was produced in 1904, an increase of one over 1903. A small amount of coal produced in Nevada last year adds that State to the list of producers.

The "Bulletin" further reports that, including the production of coke from by-product ovens, which in 1904 amounted to 2,608,229 net tons, the total production of coke in the United States last year was 23,621,520 net tons, against 25,274,281 net tons in 1903. The decrease in 1904 as compared with the preceding year was 1,652,761 net tons, or 6.54 per cent. The total value of the coke declined in much greater proportion, viz., from 66,498,664 dols. in 1903 to 46,026,183 dols. in 1904, a decrease of 20,472,481 dols., or 31 per cent. The average price for all the coke made and sold in 1904 was only 9 cents less than that in 1901, and was higher than that of any year from 1893 to 1899 inclusive. In 1903 the value of the coal used in the manufacture of coke was 42,447,449 dols., while in 1904 it was 37,133,832 dols. Of the total production of coke in 1904 Pennsylvania produced over 62 per cent., or 14,861,064 net tons out of a total of 23,621,520 tons.

NOTE.—Net ton = 2,000 lbs.

**JAPAN.**

Advertising to the notice published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 18th February, 1904, the Regulations for Enforcing the New Mining Law. "Japan Weekly Mail" of 19th August publishes a translation of Order No. 17, issued by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, containing detailed regulations for the enforcement of the new mining law. Both the regulations and the law came into force on the 1st July last.

The translations of these may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 16th September, 1905, were as follows:—

#### Corn Prices.

|        |     |     |     |           |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | 26s. 11d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | 23s. 7d.  |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | 16s. 0d.  |

For further particulars see p. 569.

A statement is published on p. 570, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 16th September, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

#### Imports of Agricultural Produce.

### GERMANY.

The "Reichsanzeiger" for 13th September publishes statistics of the production of sugar in Germany during the campaign 1904-5 (from September 1st, 1904, to August 31st, 1905). In 1904-5 the quantity of raw beet used in sugar manufacture was 10,080,538 metric tons as compared with 12,677,099 metric tons during the 1903-4 campaign; the amount of raw sugar produced in 1904-5 was 1,362,732 metric tons against 1,665,352 metric tons in 1903-4, whilst the production of refined sugar amounted to 1,298,515 metric tons in 1904-5 as compared with 1,410,553 metric tons in 1903-4. The total output of sugar (raw and refined) during the period from September, 1904, to August, 1905, expressed in terms of raw sugar, was 1,615,189 metric tons as compared with 1,929,415 metric tons in the corresponding months of 1903-4.

### ITALY.

With reference to the article on pp. 564-5 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 23rd March last, H.M. Consul-General at Naples (Mr. E. Neville Rolfe, M.V.O.), reports that a project is on foot, and seems likely soon to take definite shape, for the extension of the cultivation of cotton in Italy on a large scale. The few thousand bales now grown scarcely affect the demand from America, to which country Italy pays 160,000,000 fr. annually (6,400,000*l.*) for the raw material to supply her numerous and rapidly-increasing cotton mills.

At the present moment there are not more than 4,000 hectares (10,000 acres) under cotton, of which the greater part is in the Naples district and in Sicily; but it is an undoubted fact, says Mr. Rolfe, that large tracts in South Italy, as well as in Sicily and the Island of Sardinia, could produce cotton plentifully and of good quality.

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In Italy, he continues, cotton is sown in April and gathered in October, and as all corn is cut there by the beginning of July, the land which is to be under cotton in the following April can quite well grow an intervening crop, and thus add considerably to the profits of the farmer. The project has the support of many influential people, and it seems likely that more will be heard of it. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,496.*)

### PERSIA.

H.M. Consul-General at Meshed (Major P. M. Sykes, C.M.G.), in his recent report, says that owing to the altitude at which cotton is grown in Persia, the summers are too short to allow of the production of a long-stapled article, and consequently but little is exported to Bombay, even from Southern Persia.

Cotton in Khorassan. The export of cotton from Khorassan to Russia has decreased from 196,081*l.* in 1903-04 to 119,802*l.* in 1904-05, mainly owing to the war, which has produced a lack of confidence and a general shrinkage of operations. The preferential treatment, adds Major Sykes, acts as a great stimulus to its production, and it is instructive to note that the duty is refunded to the buyer for export to Persia of an equal quantity of manufactured goods. In this connection the articles woven from the inferior Persian cotton are sold only in Transcaspia and Persia, and as good cotton is much dearer (apart from the much higher duty charged) it seems probable that unless Transcaspian cotton replaces it, Khorassan cotton may continue to be a profitable crop, as it is sold in a carefully guarded market. Transcaspian cotton commands a slightly higher price, mainly owing to the fact that the carding is done by machinery and that, as a consequence, few or no seeds are allowed to remain. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,499.*)

### NICARAGUA.

Referring to the notice on p. 536 of this issue, H. M. Consul at Greytown (Mr. H. F. Bingham) remarks, in the course of a memorandum on the scarcity of cereals in Nicaragua, that this is due partly to an unusually dry season and partly to the fact that the comparatively high wages paid during last year for labour in cotton planting (the crop of which was an almost entire failure) attracted persons who usually plant corn and beans. In Nicaragua the present price of Indian corn is 3.28 dols. (United States gold) per 100 lbs., as against 1.80 dols. per 100 lbs. last year, and of native rice 5.50 dols. per 100 lbs., as against an average of 3.33 dols. per 100 lbs. last year.

The same scarcity that exists in Nicaragua, and for virtually the same reasons, also exists in the other Central American States,



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which cannot therefore supply the deficiency in these articles of food. Mr. Bingham gives the cost price of these articles in the United States as follows:—Indian corn, per 100 lbs., 1.07 dols.; rice, per 100 lbs., 3.00 dols. Adding to the price of these articles in the United States, the expenses of bringing them to Nicaragua, and the total brings the cost laid down there up to the prices named above.

Rice being always a small crop in Nicaragua, and chiefly supplied by importation, Mr. Bingham considers that the prices of rice by the present Decree will probably be decreased by the amount of the import duty only, viz., 1 dol. gold per 100 lbs.

It would appear that there might be a margin of profit in introducing Indian corn into Nicaragua, but this is doubtful; kiln-dried corn is not wanted there.

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**BRAZIL.**

According to the "Brazilian Review" of 29th August, exports of all kinds of rubber from Brazil during 1904 amounted to 30,644 tons. This quantity is slightly smaller than the previous year, a good deal of rubber having been delayed up country until January or February of this year. Of the total exported, 14,335 tons, or 45 per cent., went to Europe, and 16,309 tons, or 55 per cent., to the United States of America.

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**JAPAN.**

According to the "Japan Weekly Mail," the officials of the Central Chamber of the Tea Traders Guild, representing the tea dealers of the whole of Japan, have petitioned the Minister of State for Agriculture and Commerce to renew the grant in aid voted for them by the Diet several years ago. The grant was for the avowed purpose of extending the routes of the trade. Its period terminated in 1903, and the guild having applied for an extension, the Government made a special appropriation of 350,000 yen in 1904. A petition was then presented to the Diet and readily submitted by the latter for the Government's approval, but in consequence of the war no grant was made in 1905. The petition now addressed to the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce says that the opening of new markets has been stopped, and that enterprises already in progress have had to be suspended, so that the record of the trade for the current year is unfortunate. It is pointed out that everything tending to increase the national capital should now be promoted, and that any diminution in the export of principal staples is much to be regretted in national interests. The memorialists ask for a grant of 70,000 yen annually for seven years, commencing with 1906.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

A report published in the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" \* of the 16th September, based on 4,838 returns, viz.: **State of the Labour Market in August, 1905.** 3,480 from employers, or their associations, 1,271 from trade unions, and 87 from other sources, states that as is usual at this time of the year, employment in August showed a slight falling off as compared with July. The cotton trade continued to be very busy, and in the pig iron and iron and steel manufacturing industries a further improvement was reported.

Compared with a year ago employment has improved. A marked improvement is shown in the pig iron, iron and steel, and tinplate industries, as well as in the cotton, woollen, worsted and hosiery trades. Certain other trades have also improved; on the other hand, coal mining was at about the same level as in August, 1904, and the building trades showed some decline.

In the 270 trade unions, with an aggregate membership of 578,444, making returns, 31,046 (or 5·4 per cent.) were reported as unemployed at the end of August, as compared with 5·2 per cent. at the end of July, and 6·4 per cent. at the end of August, 1904.

\* For list of principal contents of the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette," see p. 573.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of fish landed on the English and Welsh, Scotch, and Irish Coasts during the month and eight months ended 31st August, 1905, compared with the corresponding periods of the year 1904:—

| —                         | Month of August. |         |           |         | Eight Months ended 31st August. |           |           |           |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                           | 1905.            |         | 1904.     |         | 1905.                           |           | 1904.     |           |
|                           | Quantity.        | Value.  | Quantity. | Value.  | Quantity.                       | Value.    | Quantity. | Value.    |
| <b>England and Wales—</b> | Cwts.            | £       | Cwts.     | £       | Cwts.                           | £         | Cwts.     | £         |
| Fish, excluding shell     | 884,065          | 561,363 | 877,518   | 479,103 | 6,101,685                       | 4,234,415 | 5,649,575 | 3,794,119 |
| fish ... ..               | —                | 22,543  | —         | 25,847  | —                               | 203,682   | —         | 196,481   |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                | —       | —         | —       | —                               | —         | —         | —         |
| Total Value ...           | —                | 583,906 | —         | 504,950 | —                               | 4,438,107 | —         | 3,992,600 |
| <b>Scotland—</b>          |                  |         |           |         |                                 |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     | 2,348,374        | 630,121 | 2,359,373 | 439,336 | 6,522,461                       | 2,072,979 | 6,776,463 | 1,787,273 |
| fish ... ..               | —                | 6,116   | —         | 6,786   | —                               | 47,370    | —         | 51,484    |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                | —       | —         | —       | —                               | —         | —         | —         |
| Total Value ...           | —                | 636,237 | —         | 446,122 | —                               | 2,120,349 | —         | 1,838,757 |
| <b>Ireland—</b>           |                  |         |           |         |                                 |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     | 42,821           | 18,285  | 46,622    | 19,171  | 448,004                         | 176,010   | 564,930   | 198,119   |
| fish ... ..               | —                | 2,266   | —         | 2,685   | —                               | 11,210    | —         | 8,392     |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                | —       | —         | —       | —                               | —         | —         | —         |
| Total Value ...           | —                | 20,551  | —         | 21,856  | —                               | 187,220   | —         | 207,511   |

NOTE.—All the above figures are subject to correction in the annual returns.

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**UNITED KINGDOM**—*continued.*

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 14th September, 1905, **Cotton Statistics.** was 37,481 (including 33 bales British West Indian and 304 bales British West African), and the number imported during the 37 weeks ended the 14th September was 2,793,422 (including 3,879 bales British West Indian and 3,037 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 14th September, 1905, 5,748 bales, and for the 37 weeks, 291,969.

For further details see p. 569.

The total number of receiving orders gazetted in England and **Bankruptcy** Wales during the month of August last was **Statistics.** 375, as compared with 371 during August, 1904.

For detailed particulars see pp. 571-2.

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**CANADA—BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

The Board of Trade have received copy of an Act of the Province of British Columbia, passed on 8th April, 1905, **Commercial Travellers' Licenses.** enacting that no commercial traveller, agent, or other person not being a resident of British Columbia shall take or solicit orders either for themselves or any other person for any goods, wares, merchandise, or other effects to be imported into British Columbia as the result of such orders unless he shall have taken out a license. This license costs, in the case of all persons taking or soliciting orders for liquors, cigars, or both, 100 dols. for every six months, and in the case of persons taking or soliciting orders for any other classes of goods 50 dols. for every six months. Unlicensed persons taking orders are liable to a penalty not exceeding 100 dols. in addition to the amount of license fee payable. Licenses issued under the Act do not empower the holder to carry a stock of goods for sale in British Columbia.

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**SOUTH AFRICA.**

The Board of Trade have been notified that the various Colonies comprising the South African Customs Union **Customs Statistical Bureau.** have established the South African Customs Statistical Bureau, with headquarters in Cape Town, as from the 1st July last. The import and export returns and other statistical information pertaining to Customs will be prepared and published from this office.

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**RUSSIA.**

Referring to the notice on p. 303 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 17th August, and to that on p. 182 of the "Journal" of the 27th July, a despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Ambassador at St. Petersburg (Sir Charles Hardinge, G.C.M.G.), stating that the privilege of importing goods into Siberia, duty free, has been granted to certain Russian and foreign firms for the present year only, and no distinction has been made in the nationality of those allowed to apply for such permission.

Any British subject or firm desirous of importing goods into Siberia must address a petition to the Ministry of Finance, together with a detailed list of the goods it is proposed to import. The Ministry, however, reserve to themselves the right of deciding the nature and quantity of goods to which free admission will be granted.

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**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

The Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvati) reports that in consequence of the increase in price of raw material, the prices of all boots and shoes have been raised by 10 per cent.

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**SAGHALIEN.**

In a recent report by the Canadian Commercial Agent at Yokohama (Mr. A. MacLean), he states that the Japanese are discussing the industrial prospects of Saghalien. The island is described as being full of mineral and forest wealth, but inasmuch as it will require time to develop these resources, the attention of the Japanese is for the present centred on the fisheries. The principal fish caught are salmon and herring, while the gathering of edible seaweed also forms quite a lucrative industry. The Japanese Government are now considering the ways of developing the fisheries.

Under Russian administration the whole littoral was divided into more than 200 fishing grounds, which were leased for payment of a certain sum or royalty. The leases, except those for a long term, were renewed every year. The Japanese authorities, it is believed, will, on the whole, adopt the system in vogue under the Russian management. Some of the fishing grounds were sublet to Japanese fishermen by the Russian lessees, and the Japanese derived satisfactory profits from the employment. Should, therefore, Saghalien come under Japanese administration, it is expected that they will make the most of the industry and the revenue-producing capabilities of the island.

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## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 37 Weeks ended 14th September, 1905 :—

|                      | Week ended<br>14th Sept.,<br>1905. | 37 Weeks<br>ended<br>14th Sept.,<br>1905. | Week ended<br>14th Sept.,<br>1905. | 37 Weeks<br>ended<br>14th Sept.,<br>1905. |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)               |                                           | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)               |                                           |
|                      | No.                                | No.                                       | No.                                | No.                                       |
| American ... ..      | 14,680                             | 2,313,402                                 | 3,994                              | 199,674                                   |
| Brasilian ... ..     | 7,617                              | 53,333                                    | —                                  | 549                                       |
| East Indian ... ..   | 4,787                              | 46,821                                    | 1,654                              | 13,983                                    |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 6,365                              | 320,109                                   | 60                                 | 72,567                                    |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 4,032*                             | 59,757†                                   | 40                                 | 5,196                                     |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>37,481</b>                      | <b>2,793,422</b>                          | <b>5,748</b>                       | <b>291,969</b>                            |

\* Including 33 bales British West Indian, and 304 bales British West African.

† Including 3,879 bales British West Indian and 3,037 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 16th September, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

|                                        | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                        | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                                        | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Week ended 16th September, 1905 ... .. | 26             | 11 | 23      | 7  | 16    | 0  |
| Corresponding week in—                 |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1898 ... ..                            | 25             | 5  | 26      | 9  | 17    | 1  |
| 1899 ... ..                            | 25             | 4  | 27      | 4  | 16    | 1  |
| 1900 ... ..                            | 28             | 4  | 26      | 0  | 17    | 1  |
| 1901 ... ..                            | 26             | 0  | 25      | 5  | 17    | 4  |
| 1902 ... ..                            | 27             | 1  | 26      | 4  | 18    | 4  |
| 1903 ... ..                            | 27             | 5  | 24      | 2  | 16    | 4  |
| 1904 ... ..                            | 29             | 7  | 24      | 9  | 15    | 11 |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

### Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 16th September, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|                                                 |            | Week ended<br>16th Sept.,<br>1905. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1904. |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living :—</b>                       |            |                                    |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..            | Number.    | 13,190                             | 12,977                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..                          | "          | 2,606                              | 6,946                               |
| Swine ... ..                                    | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..                                   | "          | 113                                | 256                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat :—</b>                            |            |                                    |                                     |
| Beef ... ..                                     | Cwts.      | 96,242                             | 59,600                              |
| Mutton ... ..                                   | "          | 83,722                             | 119,607                             |
| Pork ... ..                                     | "          | 8,170                              | 12,677                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat :—</b>              |            |                                    |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..                                    | Cwts.      | 97,369                             | 108,356                             |
| Beef ... ..                                     | "          | 2,907                              | 1,374                               |
| Hams ... ..                                     | "          | 20,746                             | 25,901                              |
| Pork ... ..                                     | "          | 5,448                              | 5,893                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh ... ..      | "          | 10,085                             | 9,752                               |
| Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... .. | "          | 26,014                             | 12,584                              |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes :—</b>         |            |                                    |                                     |
| Butter ... ..                                   | Cwts.      | 69,875                             | 73,764                              |
| Margarine ... ..                                | "          | 16,694                             | 24,055                              |
| Cheese ... ..                                   | "          | 52,945                             | 76,324                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..            | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..                                  | "          | 62                                 | 60                                  |
| " condensed ... ..                              | "          | 20,765                             | 17,153                              |
| " preserved, other kinds... ..                  | "          | 106                                | 90                                  |
| Eggs ... ..                                     | Grt. Hndr. | 448,653                            | 443,632                             |
| Poultry ... ..                                  | Value £    | 4,514                              | 3,648                               |
| Game ... ..                                     | "          | 1,902                              | 1,706                               |
| Rabbits, dead (not tinned) ... ..               | Cwts.      | 22,511                             | 37,129                              |
| Lard ... ..                                     | "          | 83,862                             | 36,941                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—</b>          |            |                                    |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..                                    | Cwts.      | 2,354,000                          | 2,554,900                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..                     | "          | 337,500                            | 171,100                             |
| Barley ... ..                                   | "          | 690,600                            | 690,400                             |
| Oats ... ..                                     | "          | 290,800                            | 233,900                             |
| Peas ... ..                                     | "          | 55,930                             | 75,800                              |
| Beans ... ..                                    | "          | 19,450                             | 73,510                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..                     | "          | 1,538,400                          | 513,900                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw :—</b>                            |            |                                    |                                     |
| Apples ... ..                                   | Cwts.      | 27,945                             | 45,048                              |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..                     | "          | 521                                | 78                                  |
| Bananas ... ..                                  | Bunches.   | 186,532                            | 110,278                             |
| Cherries ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | —                                  | —                                   |
| Currants... ..                                  | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..                             | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..                                   | "          | 87,497                             | 54,650                              |
| Lemons ... ..                                   | "          | 3,335                              | 18,449                              |
| Oranges ... ..                                  | "          | 8,149                              | 5,171                               |
| Pears ... ..                                    | "          | 24,565                             | 27,965                              |
| Plums ... ..                                    | "          | 21,219                             | 10,357                              |
| Strawberries ... ..                             | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..                             | "          | 84,050                             | 24,889                              |
| Hay... ..                                       | Tons.      | 1,850                              | 3,794                               |
| Straw ... ..                                    | "          | 2,333                              | 2,637                               |
| Moss Litter. (Not shown in 1904) ... ..         | "          | 2,190                              | —                                   |
| Hops ... ..                                     | Cwts.      | 811                                | 4,552                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..                             | "          | 3,860                              | 30                                  |
| <b>Vegetables, raw :—</b>                       |            |                                    |                                     |
| Onions ... ..                                   | Bushels.   | 810,168                            | 201,260                             |
| Potatoes ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 27,293                             | 69,407                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..                                 | "          | 19,118                             | 22,840                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..                             | Value £    | 2,849                              | 3,051                               |
| Vegetables, dried ... ..                        | Cwts.      | 2,986                              | 18,273                              |
| Preserved by canning... ..                      | "          | 7,098                              | 9,877                               |

### Bankruptcy.—England and Wales.

Number of Receiving Orders Gazetted in the under-mentioned Principal Trades and Occupations during the periods indicated.

|                                                                | August.    |            | Eight Months ended August. |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                | 1903.      | 1904.      | 1903.                      | 1904.        |
| Total gazetted... ..                                           | No.<br>875 | No.<br>371 | No.<br>8,202               | No.<br>3,029 |
| Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations:—          |            |            |                            |              |
| Grocers, &c.... ..                                             | 26         | 21         | 219                        | 196          |
| Publicans and hotel keepers, &c. ....                          | 18         | 14         | 196                        | 163          |
| Builders ... ..                                                | 24         | 23         | 191                        | 217          |
| Farmers ... ..                                                 | 9          | 16         | 146                        | 116          |
| Bakers ... ..                                                  | 18         | 13         | 105                        | 95           |
| Greengrocers, fruiterers, &c. ....                             | 15         | 11         | 94                         | 80           |
| Butchers ... ..                                                | 14         | 18         | 92                         | 90           |
| Boot and shoe manufacturers and dealers ...                    | 10         | 13         | 82                         | 71           |
| Drapers, haberdashers, &c. ....                                | 9          | 8          | 73                         | 83           |
| Decorators, painters, plumbers, &c. ....                       | 5          | 8          | 72                         | 57           |
| Tailors, &c. ... ..                                            | 9          | 9          | 60                         | 61           |
| Agents, commission and general ... ..                          | 5          | 1          | 18                         | 28           |
| Fishmongers, poulterers, &c. ....                              | 7          | 3          | 56                         | 41           |
| Coal and coke merchants and dealers ... ..                     | 1          | 4          | 51                         | 40           |
| Auctioneers ... ..                                             | 6          | 6          | 46                         | 32           |
| Travellers, commercial ... ..                                  | 7          | 3          | 89                         | 27           |
| Confectioners ... ..                                           | 4          | 1          | 56                         | 22           |
| Jewellers, watchmakers, silversmiths, &c. ....                 | 4          | 5          | 34                         | 39           |
| Carpenters and joiners ... ..                                  | 5          | 3          | 33                         | 26           |
| Tobacconists, &c. ... ..                                       | 2          | 3          | 30                         | 26           |
| Corn, flour, seed, hay, and straw merchants and dealers ... .. | 1          | 3          | 29                         | 34           |
| Engineers and founders, &c. ....                               | 4          | 11         | 28                         | 37           |
| Provision merchants, &c. ... ..                                | 5          | —          | 28                         | 19           |
| Furniture dealers and makers ... ..                            | 2          | 4          | 27                         | 36           |
| Clerks, commercial and general ... ..                          | 5          | 2          | 27                         | 35           |
| Carriers, carmen, lightermen, and hauliers ...                 | 1          | 5          | 26                         | 32           |
| Hairdressers... ..                                             | 1          | 2          | 26                         | 16           |
| Bicycle, &c., manufacturers and dealers ..                     | 9          | 5          | 26                         | 26           |

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|                                                                       | 1905.      | 1904.      | 1905.                      | 1904.      |
| <b>Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations—continued:</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>No.</b>                 | <b>No.</b> |
| Restaurant, coffee and eating-house keepers ...                       | 2          | 2          | 24                         | 21         |
| Ironmongers ... ..                                                    | 8          | 5          | 24                         | 21         |
| Milliners, dressmakers, &c. ... ..                                    | 4          | 1          | 23                         | 19         |
| General dealers ... ..                                                | —          | 2          | 22                         | 35         |
| Clothiers, outfitters, &c. ... ..                                     | 1          | 1          | 22                         | 19         |
| Directors and promoters of public companies ...                       | 4          | 3          | 22                         | 22         |
| Carriage, &c., builders ... ..                                        | 2          | 2          | 21                         | 20         |
| Cab, omnibus and fly proprietors ... ..                               | 3          | 2          | 21                         | 16         |
| Cabinet makers and upholsterers ... ..                                | 3          | 3          | 21                         | 20         |
| Printers, booksellers, and publishers ... ..                          | 3          | 3          | 20                         | 30         |
| Dairymen, cowkeepers, &c. ... ..                                      | 4          | 4          | 20                         | 18         |
| Doctors of medicine, physicians, &c. ... ..                           | —          | 1          | 19                         | 13         |
| Wheelwrights ... ..                                                   | 3          | —          | 19                         | 12         |
| Stationers ... ..                                                     | 1          | 4          | 17                         | 9          |
| Chemists, druggists and chemical manufacturers                        | 1          | 2          | 17                         | 14         |
| Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses ... ..                             | 2          | 2          | 17                         | 14         |
| Solicitors ... ..                                                     | 1          | 3          | 16                         | 26         |
| Gardeners, florists, &c. ... ..                                       | 1          | 1          | 15                         | 22         |
| Lodging-house keepers ... ..                                          | 1          | 3          | 15                         | 14         |
| Saddlers and harness makers ... ..                                    | —          | 4          | 14                         | 24         |
| Architects and surveyors ... ..                                       | 2          | 3          | 14                         | 18         |
| Timber merchants ... ..                                               | —          | 1          | 13                         | 12         |
| China, glass, and earthenware, &c., dealers ...                       | —          | —          | 13                         | 15         |
| Contractors ... ..                                                    | 1          | 2          | 13                         | 20         |
| Woollen merchants and manufacturers ... ..                            | 2          | 1          | 13                         | 9          |
| Merchants, general ... ..                                             | 2          | 1          | 12                         | 18         |
| Officers in Army ... ..                                               | —          | 2          | 10                         | 14         |
| Hosiery, gloves, &c. ... ..                                           | 3          | —          | 10                         | 11         |
| Cattle and pig dealers ... ..                                         | 1          | —          | 9                          | 14         |
| Stone, marble and monumental masons, &c. ...                          | 1          | 1          | 9                          | 12         |
| Curriers, tanners, and leather merchants ...                          | 2          | —          | 9                          | 9          |
| Brokers, stock and share ... ..                                       | —          | 2          | 7                          | 11         |
| Blacksmiths, farriers, &c. ... ..                                     | 1          | 2          | 7                          | 21         |
| Wine and spirit merchants, &c. ... ..                                 | —          | 1          | 5                          | 11         |
| Millers ... ..                                                        | —          | 2          | 4                          | 16         |
| Fishing smack owners, and masters ... ..                              | —          | 1          | 4                          | 4          |
| Cotton spinners and manufacturers ... ..                              | —          | —          | 1                          | 3          |



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## SPECIAL INDIAN AND COLONIAL TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES.

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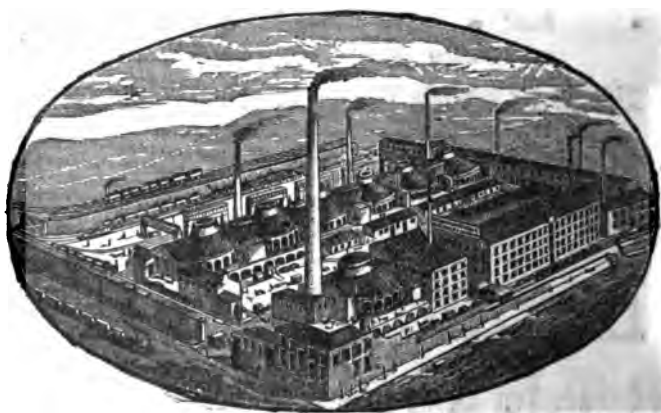
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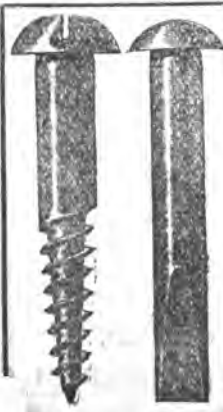
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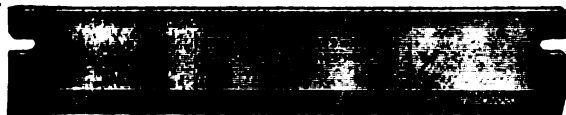
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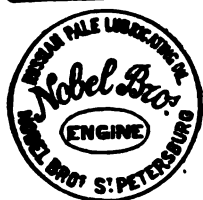
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A statement of the objects and work of the Commercial Intelligence Branch will be found on p. 623.

Attention is directed to the Sample Room, where there are at present on view, among other exhibits, samples of iron ore, received from H.M. Consuls at various places in illustration of their reports included among those embodied in the publication recently issued by the Board of Trade on "Iron Ore Deposits in Foreign Countries" (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, p. 521); samples of cotton grown in the Argentine Chaco (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st September, pp. 544-5); and two sample beer bottles of Chilian manufacture (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st September, p. 536); and three small samples of cotton grown in Natal (see p. 586 of this issue), latter on view for a fortnight only.

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#### **CANADA.**

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**Canadian Enquiry.**—A Montreal manufacturers' agent who covers the district between that city and Halifax, N.S., desires to get into touch with British firms manufacturing goods that could be sold to Canadian hardware and dry goods stores.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

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### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

An announcement appears in the "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette," of 5th August, to the effect that **Table Telephones in Queensland.** tenders will be received at the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, Queensland, up till noon on the 1st December, 1905, for the supply at the Department's Stores, Brisbane, of 150 Branching System Table Telephones.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the General Post Offices, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Adelaide.

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### NATAL.

The "Natal Government Gazette" of 29th August publishes the text of a Government Notice (No. 569 of 1905) containing a set of Rules relating to Government tenders and contracts in Natal. By rule 4 when tenders are called for in England as well as in South Africa, four months' notice is to be given.

The "Gazette" containing these Rules, which supersede the existing rules and regulations, may be seen by persons interested at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

Attention is directed to the notice on p. 607, giving particulars of an announcement by the Natal Government inviting applications for sugar and other coast farms in Zululand.

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**Disposal of Coast Farms in Zululand.**

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#### **SWEDEN.**

The French Commercial Adviser at Helsingfors reports that the use of automobiles has for some time past been increasing in the large towns of Sweden, such as Stockholm and Gothenburg, and that the present moment, when the fashionable world is taking up the craze, is a favourable one for attacking the market. Strong cars, cheap in price, and with a simple but tasteful body are suitable. The cities offering the best opportunities are Stockholm and Gothenburg; then Malmo, which is a wealthy centre. Norrköping should not be neglected, as it is a rich town with excellent roads.

As nearly all villages and towns are provided with electric stations, a good market could be found for electric vehicles also.

Motor-cycles are largely sold in the north of Sweden and Finland, where roads are not so good and means of communication difficult. Prices vary from 16*l.* to 24*l.*

The motor boat industry is equally prosperous, numbers being found in nearly every town. Prices vary from 55*l.* to 165*l.* The shells are plain but of good resisting wood, and the motors are Swedish, American or German. Already ten construction works are in existence in the neighbourhood of Stockholm, as well as others in various parts of Sweden.

#### **DENMARK.**

According to a notice which appeared in the "*Berlingske Tidende*" of 25th September, tenders are invited for the supply to the Valby Gasworks of 20,000 centners (about 1,000 tons) of Portland cement, in accordance with conditions which may be obtained from the Østre and Valby Gasworks, Copenhagen. Tenders should be sent in to the Director of Public Lighting (Direktøren for Kjøbenhavns Belysningsvæsen), 22, Vestre Boulevard, Copenhagen, by midday on 2nd October.

#### **NETHERLANDS.**

The Board of Trade have been notified by the Acting British Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. F. A. Chambers), of the following contracts open to tender in the Netherlands:—

**Railway  
Materials and  
Stores.**

1. Tenders will be received up to noon on the 11th October, at the Technical Bureau, Netherlands Colonial Office, The Hague, for the supply of the following material:—

*Contract No. 404.*—1,155 cast-iron supporting pots, partly quite complete, partly without metals and greasing arrangements, for railway carriages and waggons.

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*Contract No. 405.*—76 carriage frames, with combined hand and automatic vacuum brake, and 48 reserve spring-handles, with appurtenances.

*Contract No. 406.*—The iron parts with appurtenances for standing water-cocks, and stand-pipes.

*Contract No. 407.*—140,000 rolled and zinced mild steel tire-fonds.

*Contract No. 408.*—19,300 short bolts with nuts, and 23,000 long bolts with nuts and rings.

*Contract Surinam XII.*—96,000 Siemens-Martin-iron plates.

*Contract A. 12.* Corrugated and flat galvanised mild steel bolts, with nuts, screws, rings, nails, &c.

Copies of the contracts may be obtained from Mr. Mart Nijhoff, The Hague, on payment of 4 fl. (6s. 8d.) for No. 405, 2 fl. (3s. 4d.) for Nos. 404 and 406, and 0.50 fl. (10d.) for Nos. 407, 408, Surinam XII. and A. 12.

2. On the 9th October, the Holland Railway Company, Amsterdam, will receive tenders for the construction of a covered railway, a workshop, and a locomotive shed on the grounds of the central workshop at Haarlem. The estimated cost of the work is 91,500 florins (about 7,625*l.*). Further particulars may be obtained from the Company's Offices at Amsterdam.

3. The Municipal Council of Amsterdam will receive tenders up to the 23rd October next for the construction and placing of the metal superstructure of an iron bridge (No. 278) over the Rapenburgerschutsluis (so-called Scharbiersluis), Amsterdam, in the Schippersgracht, with necessary additional works. The estimated cost of the work is 34,300 florins (about 2,858*l.*).

A copy of the conditions, with drawing, may be obtained from the Stadsdrukkery of Amsterdam (Municipal Printing Offices) on payment of 1.50 fl. (2s. 6d.).

4. The Association "Noorder Afdeeling," at Usquert, are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of:—  
**Superphosphate and Thomas Phosphate.** 171,600 kilogrammes of superphosphate, with 18 per cent. of phosphoric acid soluble in water;

131,400 kilogrammes of Thomas phosphate.

Tenders (written on the back of the document in which the conditions are set forth, obtainable from the Association), with samples, should be transmitted to Mr. H. Reinders, Secretary, Committee for the Co-operative Purchase for the Members of the "Noorder Adfeeling," before 3rd October next.

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#### **SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of the 17th September, contains the text of a concession which has been granted to **Wharf and Warehouse Construction.** D. Manuel Gallardo y Gutierrez for the construction, in the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, at the place named Punta del Negro, of a wharf and a road thereto, and for the establishment of storage warehouses for coal.

The "Gaceta" of the 20th September contains a notice to the effect that tenders will be received up to the 19th October at the Directorate General of Public Works, Madrid, for the construction of a wharf **Wharf Construction.** with buildings and approach for the lighthouse of the Isla Lobeira Grande, ria de Corcubion, Coruña, the upset price being 50,686 pesetas (about 1,536*l.*). A deposit of 2,535 pesetas (about 77*l.*) will be required to qualify any tenders, and adjudication will take place on the 24th October.

The "Gaceta" of the 22nd September contains a notice calling for tenders for the concession for the construction and working of an electric tramway in Madrid **Electric Tramway Concessions.** from Ronda de Valencia to Glorieta del Puente de Toledo. Tenders will be received up to the 27th November by the Director of Public Works, Madrid, and a deposit of 2,299 pesetas (about 69*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The competition is to turn in the first place on the reduction tenderers may be willing to accept from the printed passenger tariff, and then, in the case of equal offers, upon the reduction tenderers are prepared to make in the number of years stated (60) for the concession.

It is noted that a proposal has already been deposited, the authors of which will be entitled, at the same rates, to certain preferential rights.

#### **ITALY.**

The Acting British Consul-General at Genoa (Mr. R. G. Macbean) reports that a portion of the contemplated **Harbour Works.** harbour improvements at that port, referred to in the last annual report from Genoa (Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,446), formed part of a contract adjudicated on the 9th September to Cav. Giovanni Carena of Genoa, as a result of public tenders, for a total price of lire 7,025,641, or about 281,000*l.* sterling.

In addition to services of general maintenance and repairs, the contract includes works in connection with the construction or extension of breakwaters, quays, &c.



*Openings for British Trade.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-PHILIPPINES.**

According to the "Daily Bulletin" (Manila), electricity is being introduced in various towns, other than Manila, for lighting and power.

**Electric Plant.**

The same paper reports that, following the example of Manila, ice making and refrigerating machinery has been erected in other districts, and that a steady growth in demand for this class of machinery is looked for.

**Ice-Making and Refrigerating Machinery.****MEXICO.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Mexico, of the 4th September, contains copy of a contract which has been entered into between the Mexican Government and Sr. George G. Bergman, for the appropriation for industrial purposes of the waters of the River Blanco, in the town of Santa Ines, Canton de Cordoba, State of Veracruz. The concessionnaires are authorised to carry out the hydraulic works necessary for the use of a maximum quantity of 5 litres per second.

The "Diario" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

**CUBA.**

In connection with the notice published on p. 344 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 24th August, regarding a concession which has been granted to Señor Silvestre Scovel for the construction of a wharf at Havana, it may be noted that plans, conditions, &c., are to be seen at the Cuban Consulate in London, 76, Victoria Street, S.W.

**Wharf Construction.****CHILE-BOLIVIA.**

Referring to the notice on p. 201 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4th May, 1905, respecting the railway from Arica to La Paz, H.M. Legation at Santiago has forwarded a translation of a Decree which has been issued calling for tenders for the construction of this line.

**Railway Construction.**

The chief points in the Decree are as follows:—A deposit note of 50,000*l.* to the order of the Government of Chile is necessary to qualify a tender, to be increased by a further 50,000*l.*, if the tender be accepted, on the signing of the contract. Engines, cars, tools and other materials necessary for the construction of the railway, its stations, offices and wharves, and the equipment necessary to allow the line to be handed over for the public service, are free from import duty and all fiscal or municipal taxation. The tenders

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will be opened at 2 p.m. on the 2nd January, 1906, and the construction works must begin before 1st March, 1906. Copies of plans, specifications and all information are to be available at the Chilean Legation in London.

A translation of the Decree may be seen by British contractors at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION.****DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.**

According to the "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" (Paris), the Government of the Dominican Republic have decided to organise an exhibition at Santo Domingo of native products and foreign agricultural implements.

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**COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE.**

The President of the Board of Trade, on the nomination of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has appointed the Honourable William Pember Reeves, the High Commissioner in London for the Colony of New Zealand, to be a member of the new Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence.

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**AUTUMNAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.**

The autumnal meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom was held at Liège on the 5th and 6th September, the chair being taken each day by Sir William H. Holland, M.P., President of the Association.

Resolutions were passed on the following subjects, viz.:—Trade with the Far East; South African Tariff; French Duty on British Silks; Judicial Treaty with France; Canal Development; Debentures of Limited Companies; Registration of Firms; Decimal Weights, &c.; Registration of Designs; False Marking of Goods; Adhesive Bill Stamps; Municipal Trading; Status of Chambers of Commerce; Commercial Travellers' Licences; Mercantile and Maritime Law; Suez Canal Regulations; Light Dues on Shipping; International Postage; Telephonic Communication with the Continent; Telegraphic Facilities; Procedure at General Meetings of the Association.

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## PROJECTED PROHIBITION OF EXPORT OF KEROSENE FROM RUSSIA.

According to a report received from the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. H. Cooke), the official "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" of St. Petersburg of the 3rd/16th September states that, in view of the events of Baku, and the conditions caused thereby, the Ministry of Finance not only has no intention of encouraging the export of kerosene abroad by any reduction of the export tariffs on the Trans-Caucasian Railway, but, on the contrary, is considering the question of temporarily prohibiting, as an extreme measure, the export abroad. At the same time, as regards kerosene for fuel purposes mixed with mazout, the Ministry has under consideration the question of facilitating the consumption in the markets of the interior by remitting the excise and arranging special favourable railway rates.

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### BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

**Khorassan.**—In his report for 1904-05 (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,499), H.M. Consul-General at Meshed (Major P. M. Sykes, C.M.G.) writes:—

"Any British merchant desirous of opening up business in Khorassan should, unless he wishes to purchase carpets and is an expert, spend at least a year in studying the language, the people and the peculiar conditions of the market. Most British enterprises in Persia with which I am acquainted have bought their experience at a crushing rate from lack of local knowledge and undue haste. . . .

"Improvements of great importance, which vitally affect the trade of Khorassan with the United Kingdom, and which I have already urged in the trade report of Kerman, are:—(a) The development of the port of Bunder Abbas, where all goods are still landed and handled in the most primitive fashion. (b) The connection of Bunder Abbas with the rest of Persia by means of a telegraph line or cable. If the latter the rates should not exceed those for inland messages in Persia. From the point of view of trade a land line is much to be desired, as, by giving information of robberies, the district traversed tends to become safer. (c) The improvement of south to north postal communications. In this connection the Bunder Abbas service to Kerman and Yezd has been recently converted from a donkey to a horse post. It is, however, a fact that from neither of these important centres is there any direct postal service to the north."

H.M. Consul at Turbat-I-Haidari (Capt. Watson) writes:—"I do not think there are many openings for British trade in Turbat itself, but a British or British Indian trader in Meshed might with profit make one of the local merchants his agent. I have spoken to the leading merchants here about the advantages of the Quetta-Nushki-Sistan route, but they are not at all enthusiastic."—(*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,499.)

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## LISTS OF POSSIBLE BUYERS OF BRITISH GOODS IN ROUMANIA.

The Board of Trade receive, from time to time, from H.M. Representatives in foreign countries and their own Correspondents in the Colonies, lists of importers and dealers likely to purchase British goods. These lists may be consulted by British manufacturers and traders at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., to which office also applications for extracts from them should be addressed.

Attention is now called to a list, which has recently been prepared, containing names supplied by H.M. Consular and Diplomatic Officers in Roumania, and dealing with the towns of Bucharest, Jassy, Galatz, Braila, and Constantza. Amongst the classes of goods dealt with in some or all of these lists are arms, athletic outfits, belting, cement, earthenware, engineering goods, groceries, hosiery, iron and hardware, oils, printers' materials, surgical instruments, wines, &c., &c.

The following similar notices in regard to other recently compiled lists have appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal":—

Bulgaria, p. 487, 15th June; Greece, p. 202, 4th May; Belgium, p. 205, 2nd February; Sweden, p. 393, 31st August.

## COTTON GROWING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

**Cape Colony.**—A communication has been received at the Board of Trade from their Correspondent at Cape Town (Mr. E. J. Cattell), reporting that for some time past experiments have been conducted in various parts of South Africa for the purpose of ascertaining the possibilities of growing cotton successfully on a large scale; and latterly the Cape of Good Hope Government has put under cotton seed about 32 acres of land in what is known as the "Cape Flats," within 2 to 12 miles of Cape Town. The Agricultural Department, which is carrying on these experiments, is able to report most favourably, and states that these crops afford excellent promise of eventuating in a pronounced success. With the exception of a few cases in which the plants have been affected by the slight frost just as they were appearing, and in one other instance where unusually heavy downpours of rain drowned seed which had been sown too early, the experiments are decidedly encouraging. Mr. Cattell adds that if the experiments ultimately are wholly successful, there is no question that the planting of cotton on a large scale will result.

**Natal.**—With reference to the notices published in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 15th June, p. 507-8, and 24th August, p. 349, relative to cotton growing in Natal, the Board of Trade have received, through their correspondent at Durban (Mr. A. D. C. Agnew), from Mr. John Kirkman, the Managing Director of the Experimental Cotton Growing Syndicate, three small samples of cotton grown in Natal, which are described as follows. viz.:—

(a) Cotton.—Taken roughly from the shed: grown from seed received from Dar-es-Salaam.

(b) Same cotton—hand ginned.

(c) Cotton grown from seed sent from London at a cost of 7s. 6d. per lb. supposed to be selected choice long-stapled upland. "This" the grower says "is disappointing, but as the sample sent is from "the first bolls open, it is hardly a fair test."

These samples will be on view, together with a report and valuation on the ginned cotton kindly furnished by the British Cotton Growing Association, for a fortnight, at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

## TRADE OF MADAGASCAR IN 1904.

The following particulars of the trade of Madagascar in 1904 are taken from the "Quinzaine Coloniale":—

| —    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Imports.   | Exports.   |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|
|      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Francs.    | Francs.    |
| 1902 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42,289,000 | 13,144,000 |
| 1903 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 53,107,000 | 16,471,000 |
| 1904 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26,419,000 | 19,357,000 |

It will be noted that in 1904 the value of imports decreased by 6,688,000 francs, and the value of exports increased by 2,886,000 francs, as compared with the preceding year.

In the following table comparative figures of the importations of the principal classes of goods are given:—

| —                        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1903.      | 1904.     |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----------|
|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Francs.    | Francs.   |
| Textiles...              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11,833,000 | 7,740,000 |
| Beverages                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,668,000  | 3,608,000 |
| Farinaceous foodstuffs   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,313,000  | 3,209,000 |
| Metal goods              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,650,000  | 2,258,000 |
| Coal, marble, stone, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,935,000  | 2,125,000 |
| Colonial produce         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,418,000  | 1,235,000 |
| Metals                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 976,000    | 945,000   |

The diminution of 4,098,000 francs in the importation of textiles is attributed to large stocks carried forward from previous years, and also to the fact that merchants held back their orders in expectation of lower prices. That the decrease is only temporary is shown by the Customs figures of importations for the first four months of 1905, which are 1,200,000 francs in excess of the same period of 1904. The decline in the import of beverages, chiefly rum and brandy, is accounted for to a great extent by the development of local manufacture of alcoholic drinks.

The increase in exports is explained in the following statement, showing the comparative values of the principal products exported in 1903 and 1904:—

| —            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1903.     | 1904.     |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
|              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Francs.   | Francs.   |
| Gold         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,857,000 | 7,693,000 |
| Rubber       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,581,000 | 3,842,000 |
| Hides (raw)  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,150,000 | 2,202,000 |
| Rafia        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,938,000 | 2,078,000 |
| Cattle       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,475,000 | 1,108,000 |
| Wax (animal) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 556,000   | 682,000   |

## IRON MINES IN TUNIS.

The following particulars with reference to five important iron mines discovered in the north-west of Tunisia within recent years, are extracted from the report of H.M. Consul-General at Tunis (Mr. E. J. L. Berkeley, C.B.):—

The concession for the working of the Djebel Zerissa mine was granted in 1901. This iron mine is situated at a distance of about 122 miles from the port of Tunis and about three-quarters of a mile from the railway running from Tunis to Kalâa-Es-Senam, which will probably be opened to traffic during the latter part of this year. It is calculated at present that some 4,000,000 tons are available, and it is reported that there is a likelihood that this amount may be doubled when the mine is in full working order. The assays have shown this mineral to contain from 50 to 60 per cent. of iron and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 per cent. of manganese.

The concession for the Djbel Slatâ mine, which lies in the Kef district (to the north-west of Tunis), has been applied for by a Brussels syndicate. It is situated 131 miles from the port of Tunis and about half a mile from the railway line running from Tunis to Kalâa-es-Senam. From recent researches which have been made in this mine it has been found that about 5,000,000 tons of ore are available. The analysis of the extracts is reported to be as follows :—55·77 per cent. of iron, 2·25 per cent. of manganese.

The concession for the Djebel Hammeima mine, which lies in the Kef district, has recently been applied for by the same syndicate. It is situated about 137 miles from the port of Tunis and about two and a half miles from the line running between Tunis and Kalâa-es-Senam. It is reported that some 6,000,000 tons of the mineral are available. From 70 assays the following result has been obtained :—59·53 per cent. of iron, 2·05 per cent. of manganese.

The Nabeur mine is situated 112 miles from the port of Tunis and about 19 miles from the railway station of Souk-el-Arba (about 100 miles from Tunis), and lies at the feet of the Kef mountains. From several assays it has been found that it contains the following chemical elements :—48 to 53 per cent. of iron, and 2 to 4 per cent. of manganese.

The Djebel-Hallouf mine, which is said to extend for about three-quarters of a mile, is situated 122 miles from the port of Tunis. The extracts are reported to contain 53·29 per cent. of iron and 0·90 per cent. of manganese.

In conclusion, Mr. Berkeley says, "It is asserted that between phosphates and these new iron mining developments something like 30,000,000 tons of extracts will be available for shipment within the near future." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,492.)

## PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

### COLOMBIA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a despatch from H.M. Representative at Bogotá, reporting that it is the intention of the Colombian Government to encourage the exploitation of salt mines and the coast sea-salt industry in Colombia, as soon as the means of communication have been improved, by imposing a prohibitive import duty on salt.

**Proposed  
Increase of Duty  
on Salt.**

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### SOUTH AFRICA.

A copy of the "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 29th August last has been received, which contains a copy of a Government Notice (No. 914 of 1905) amending the Customs Regulations framed under Section 7 of Act 5 of 1903 and issued under Government Notice No. 231 of 27th February, 1905\*, relating to the special surtax imposed on sugar imported into Cape Colony from the Argentine Republic.

The present amended regulations provide that from 1st July, 1905, the following special duties shall be imposed on sugars imported from the Argentine Republic:—

| Articles.       |     |     |     |     |     |              | Rate of<br>Special Duty. |           |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Refined sugar   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | per 100 lbs. | <i>s.</i>                | <i>d.</i> |
| Unrefined sugar | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "            | 7                        | 2         |
| Sugar candy     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "            | 5                        | 5         |
|                 |     |     |     |     |     |              | 3                        | 9         |

NOTE.—Similar regulations have been received in the case of the Orange River Colony.

\* See "Board of Trade Journal" for 23rd March, 1905, p. 544.

### EGYPT.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 11th September, contains the following revised Valuation Tariff\* for use in assessing import duties on certain imported metals and metal manufactures. This Tariff came into force on the 1st September, and is to remain in force until 31st October next, or until denunciation:—

**Valuation Tariff  
for certain  
Metals.**

\* For particulars as to the nature of these Egyptian Valuation Tariffs, see "Board of Trade Journal" for the 19th March, 1903.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

| Articles.                                                                         | Valuation per Kilog.* |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                                                                   | Former.               | New.           |
|                                                                                   | Millièmes.†           | Millièmes.†    |
| Copper and brass sheets, round and bottoms ... ..                                 | 76                    | 79             |
| " sheets, plain ... ..                                                            | 73                    | 76             |
| " " in rolls, bars, round and flat ... ..                                         | 73                    | 76             |
| " ingots ... ..                                                                   | 70                    | 73             |
| Brass and copper wire; and brass sheets, plain, 24 by 48, 8 lbs. to 5 lbs. ... .. | <i>Ad val.</i>        | <i>Ad val.</i> |
| Tin ingots and bars ... ..                                                        | 130                   | 142            |
| Lead sheets, and lead piping ... ..                                               | 14                    | 15             |
| " shot ... ..                                                                     | 15                    | 16             |
| " pig ... ..                                                                      | 13                    | 14             |
| Zinc sheets and ingots ... ..                                                     | 25                    | 27             |
| Phosphor bronze ... ..                                                            | 100                   | 100            |
| Antimony ... ..                                                                   | 40                    | 40             |
| Quicksilver ... ..                                                                | 270                   | 270            |

\* Duty is levied on these valuations at the rate of 8 per cent.

† 1,000 millièmes = £1 = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

**NORWAY.**

The following is the first portion of a translation of the new Norwegian Customs Tariff which came into force on the 8th August. (See the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 17th August). The remaining portions of the translation will be published in succeeding issues of the "Journal."

It is to be noted that the original Tariff gives the rates of duty in two columns, containing the *maximum* and the *minimum* rates respectively. In the present translation only the *minimum* rates, which are those applicable to imports from the United Kingdom, are given.

| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                    | Unit.  | Rate of Duty.      |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1          | Ammonia and salts thereof ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —Iron flasks, imported as receptacles for compressed ammonia are dutiable as "Retorts" (under Metals C. 16) | ...    | Kron. öre.<br>Free |
|            | Ammunition and explosives—                                                                                                                                   |        |                    |
| 2          | Gunpowder, smokeless (including ballistite)...                                                                                                               | Kilog. | 0 50               |
| 3          | Gunpowder and explosives, other (including nitro-glycerine and dynamite) ... ..                                                                              | "      | C 12               |
| 4          | Cartridges, loaded, and wads (with the boxes, paper or other similar coverings which serve as their immediate packing)...                                    | "      | 0 30               |
| 5          | Cartridge cases, and bases of cartridge cases; also casing for projectiles ... ..                                                                            | ...    | Free               |
| 6          | Projectiles for cannon and other heavy firearms... ..                                                                                                        | ...    | "                  |



*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***NORWAY—continued.**

| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                            | Unit.          | Rate of Duty.     |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|            | <b>Ammunition and explosives—continued.</b>                                                                                                                          |                | <b>Kron. öre.</b> |
| 7          | Shot and bullets for small-arms (with their immediate packing) ... ..                                                                                                | Kilog.         | 0 08              |
| 8          | Bulleted caps for small-arms ... ..                                                                                                                                  | "              | 0 15              |
| 9          | Percussion caps of all kinds ... ..                                                                                                                                  | "              | Free              |
| 10         | Fuses ... ..                                                                                                                                                         | Kilog.         | 0 25              |
| 11         | Fireworks... ..                                                                                                                                                      | "<br>(gross)   | 1 00              |
|            | <b>Druggists' wares, not dutiable under some other heading of the tariff—</b>                                                                                        |                |                   |
| 12         | (a) Containing alcohol (dutiable as "Spirits.")                                                                                                                      |                | Free.             |
|            | (b) Other ... ..                                                                                                                                                     | ...            | "                 |
| 13         | Asphalt, bitumen, mixed or not with resin, sand, or the like; also objects made therefrom ...                                                                        | ...            | "                 |
| 14         | Ashes of wood or other vegetable substance ...                                                                                                                       | ...            | "                 |
|            | <b>Boats—</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                |                   |
| 15         | (a) Pleasure boats and yachts, with or without their tackle; including racing boats (inriggers or outriggers) ... ..                                                 | <i>ad val.</i> | 15 %              |
| 16         | (b) Other boats, with tackle ... ..                                                                                                                                  | ...            | Free.             |
|            | <b>Ribbon, and belts thereof, all kinds, with or without interwoven threads of elastic, gutta percha, or the like—</b>                                               |                |                   |
| 17         | (a) Of silk alone, or of silk interwoven with metal wire ... ..                                                                                                      | Kilog.         | 10 00             |
| 18         | (b) Of half-silk ... ..                                                                                                                                              | "              | 5 00              |
| 19         | (c) Of wool ... ..                                                                                                                                                   | "              | 1 60              |
| 20         | (d) Other ... ..                                                                                                                                                     | "              | 1 40              |
|            | <i>Note 1.</i> —In determining whether silk ribbon shall pay duty under (a) or under (b) the same rules shall apply as in the case of silk wares (see Nos. 579–583). |                |                   |
|            | <i>Note 2.</i> —In the case of (c) and (d) the weight assessed for duty shall include that of the spools, boxes, paper wrappings, and similar immediate packing.     |                |                   |
| 21         | Bark and bark extract of all kinds, for tanning; also birch bark ... ..                                                                                              | ...            | Free.             |
| 22         | <b>Bast, cocoa fibre and other vegetable fibres, manufactured into—</b>                                                                                              |                |                   |
|            | (a) Hats (see Hats).                                                                                                                                                 |                |                   |
|            | (b) Baskets (see Baskets).                                                                                                                                           |                |                   |
| 23         | (c) Mats for packing, also cord ... ..                                                                                                                               | ...            | 0 "               |
| 24         | (d) Rope ... ..                                                                                                                                                      | Kilog.         | 0 27              |
| 25         | (e) Other articles ... ..                                                                                                                                            | "              | 0 20              |
|            | <b>Bone, including tusks of the elephant, walrus, &amp;c.—</b>                                                                                                       |                |                   |
| 26         | (a) Unmanufactured, also crushed or ground                                                                                                                           | ...            | Free.             |
|            | (b) Manufactured into—                                                                                                                                               |                |                   |
|            | Buttons (see Nos. 297–9).                                                                                                                                            |                |                   |
| 27         | Other articles (with their immediate packing) ... ..                                                                                                                 | Kilog.         | 1 20              |
| 28         | Animal black, calcined ivory, and hartshorn ...                                                                                                                      | ...            | Free.             |
| 29         | Bleaching powder (chloride of lime) ... ..                                                                                                                           | ...            | "                 |
| 30         | Flowers, natural, cut, fresh or dried; also other dried plants for decorative purposes, not falling within the category of druggists' wares... ..                    | Kilog.         | 3 00              |

### Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

#### NORWAY—continued.

| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                   | Unit.  | Rate of Duty. |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
|            |                                                                                                                                             |        | Kron. öre.    |
| 31         | Cut greenery, other than flowers, plain or coloured (with their immediate packing) ...                                                      | Kilog. | 0 10          |
| 32         | Flower bulbs (with their paper wrapping bags, or other similar immediate packing) ...                                                       | "      | 0 10          |
|            | Flowers, artificial, and parts thereof, not separately mentioned in the Tariff—                                                             |        |               |
| 33         | (a) Flowers of tissue, or of paper, straw, feathers, leather and the like ...                                                               | "      | 15 00         |
| 34         | (b) Leaves made of paper ...                                                                                                                | "      | 1 50          |
|            | (c) Other [dutiable according to the component material].                                                                                   |        |               |
| 35         | Blacklead crucibles ...                                                                                                                     | ...    | Free.         |
| 35         | Lead-pencils and lead-pencil holders—                                                                                                       |        |               |
|            | (a) Of gold, silver, or platinum [dutiable according to the component material].                                                            |        |               |
|            | (b) Others (with their cards, boxes, cases and similar immediate packing) ...                                                               | Kilog. | 0 35          |
| 37         | Ink, fluid (with the bottles, jars, and similar immediate packing) ...                                                                      | "      | 0 20          |
| 38         | Ink powder and other ink substances; also Indian ink, solid or fluid (with the bottles, jars, boxes, and similar immediate receptacles) ... | "      | 0 80          |
| 39         | Bookbinding, with backs and boards—                                                                                                         |        |               |
|            | (a) Of paper [dutiable as manufactures of paper.]                                                                                           |        |               |
|            | (b) Of other material ...                                                                                                                   | "      | 3 00          |
|            | Cotton and cotton manufactures :                                                                                                            |        |               |
| 40         | Cotton, raw ...                                                                                                                             | ...    | Free.         |
| 41         | Wadding ...                                                                                                                                 | Kilog. | 0 10          |
|            | <i>Note.</i> —Cardboards, boxes, and the like, in which cotton or wadding is packed, are dutiable according to the component material.      |        |               |
|            | Cotton yarn—                                                                                                                                |        |               |
|            | (a) Single—                                                                                                                                 |        |               |
| 42         | (1) Unbleached ...                                                                                                                          | "      | 0 12          |
| 43         | (2) Bleached ...                                                                                                                            | "      | 0 15          |
| 44         | (3) Dyed or printed ...                                                                                                                     | "      | 0 30          |
|            | (b) Twisted, of two or more threads—                                                                                                        |        |               |
| 45         | (1) Unbleached ...                                                                                                                          | "      | 0 12          |
| 46         | (2) Bleached ...                                                                                                                            | "      | 0 20          |
| 47         | (3) Dyed or printed ...                                                                                                                     | "      | 0 35          |
|            | <i>Note.</i> —Line twisted in the manner of rope-makers' wares is dutiable as yarn.                                                         |        |               |
| 48         | Press cloths for industrial purposes; cloths for paper machines ...                                                                         | ...    | Free          |
| 49         | Undyed and unbleached tissues (including sail cloth), weighing 180 grammes or more per square $\frac{1}{2}$ metre ...                       | Kilog. | 0 15          |
| 50         | Fishing nets ...                                                                                                                            | "      | 0 16          |
| 51         | Tissues weighing 100 grammes or more per square $\frac{1}{2}$ metre, bleached, printed, dyed, or woven from dyed yarn ...                   | "      | 0 50          |
| 52         | Tissues, into which elastic, gutta percha or the like has been woven ...                                                                    | "      | 1 50          |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***NORWAY—continued.**

| Tariff No. | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Unit.  | Rate of Duty.      |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 53         | Diaper and damask; also kerchiefs (in so far as they cannot be assigned to some class on which a higher duty is payable) with their immediate packing ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Kilog. | Kron. (re.<br>0 80 |
| 54         | Velvety stuffs, including plush ... ..<br>Hosiery—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | "      | 1 25               |
| 55         | (a) Gloves and mittens ( <i>see</i> Nos. 227—230).<br>(b) Hosiery—whether knitted, crotched, netted or woven—dyed or not; also ready-made garments of hosiery, even though furnished with buttons, bands, borders, straps, or the like composed of material assessed at a higher rate of duty than the garment itself ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | "      | 1 25               |
| 56         | (c) Hosiery with trimmings of silk, blond or lace, or lined with silk ... ..<br>Trimmings ( <i>see</i> Nos. 541—544).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | "      | 2 25               |
| 57         | Blonds, lace ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | "      | 6 00               |
| 58         | Goods classed as "Curtain Nets" ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | "      | 2 00               |
| 59         | Bobbinet and tulle, as well as other transparent or open-work tissues, either embroidered or woven in patterns, figures, stripes, or checks (not including embroidery on canvas) ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —Tissues are regarded as transparent or open-work when, between the separate threads not covered by the embroidery, or between the more compact interwoven figures, stripes, &c., spaces of at least a single thread's width can be distinguished; or failing this, where the weight of the tissue does not exceed 20 grammes per square $\frac{1}{4}$ metre.                                                                                                                                                                                         | "      | 1 10               |
|            | Other cotton manufactures—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |                    |
| 60         | (a) Printed ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Kilog. | 1 10               |
| 61         | (b) Of several colours, not printed ... ..<br>(c) Of one colour or bleached—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | "      | 0 75               |
| 62         | (1) Starching linen ( <i>see</i> Wearing apparel).<br>(2) Other manufactures ... ..<br>(d) Unbleached—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | "      | 0 50               |
| 63         | (1) Wicks—<br>For use in lighting appliances ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ...    | Free               |
| 64         | For other purposes... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Kilog. | 0 60               |
| 65         | (2) Other unbleached cotton manufactures<br><i>Note 1.</i> —Label linen and other tissues of one colour, not elsewhere separately mentioned in the Tariff, shall be dutiable as "of one colour or bleached" even though the colour should have been imparted to the tissue by means of printing, or as an ingredient in the size or starch with which the tissue has been stiffened.<br><i>Note 2.</i> —Manufactures of cotton in combination with flax, or with any other textile substances which are treated as flax, shall be dutiable as cotton manufactures. Manufactures of cotton in combination with wool shall be dutiable as woollen manufactures. Manufactures of cotton in combination with silk shall be dutiable as silk manufactures. Embroi- | "      | 0 25               |



*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***BELGIUM.**

The following is a translation of a further portion\* of the Belgian Tariff Schedule attached to the Additional Belgian - German Commercial Treaty which is to come into force on the 1st March next:—

| Tariff No.                | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Rate of Duty.                |                                                             |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | At present.                  | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new Belgian-German Treaty. |
|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Frs. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. | Frs. Cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs.                                |
| <i>Ex 39<br/>(contd.)</i> | Wheel-centres, rough from the forge or simply smoothed with the polishing stone ... ..                                                                                                                             | 1 00                         | 1 00                                                        |
|                           | Axles, rough from the forge, furnished or not with necks for the wheels ... ..                                                                                                                                     | 1 00                         | 1 00                                                        |
|                           | Wire or rods, of any section, 5 millimetres or more in thickness or diameter, not coppered, nickelled, tinned, or coated with lead or zinc (galvanised) ... ..                                                     | 1 00                         | 1 00                                                        |
|                           | Iron and steel, manufactured—                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |                                                             |
|                           | Sleepers for railways ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4 00                         | 1 00                                                        |
|                           | Wire or rods, of any section, 5 millimetres or more in thickness or diameter, cut in equal lengths for a determinate purpose ... ..                                                                                | 4 00                         | 1 00                                                        |
|                           | Steel, cut out and shaped for files                                                                                                                                                                                | 4 09                         | 2 00                                                        |
|                           | Arches composed of rods simply bent, for garden borders ... ..                                                                                                                                                     | 4 00                         | 2 00                                                        |
|                           | Wire, or rods, of any section, less than 5 millimetres in thickness or diameter, cut in even lengths for a determinate purpose ... ..                                                                              | 4 00                         | 2 00                                                        |
|                           | Perforated bands for fastening boxes ... ..                                                                                                                                                                        | 4 00                         | 2 00                                                        |
|                           | Columns in the form of tubes, other than for furnishing, or for the ornamentation of gardens...                                                                                                                    | 4 00                         | 2 00                                                        |
|                           | Sheets and plates, chased (stamped) or cut out in circular forms ... ..                                                                                                                                            | 1 00                         | 2 00                                                        |
|                           | Sheets and plates, cut to pattern.                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4 00                         |                                                             |
|                           | Boiler bottoms of convex shape, furnished or not with openings for the insertion of fire-boxes and boiler-tubes, the edges of which have been raised by hammering or otherwise, but not finished nor rimmed ... .. | 4 00                         | 2 00                                                        |
|                           | Sheets and plates, varnished, lacquered, or bronzed ... ..                                                                                                                                                         | 4 00                         | 3 00                                                        |

\* Continued from p. 537 of last week's "Board of Trade Journal."

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#### BELGIUM—continued.

| Tariff No.                        | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Rate of Duty.                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | At Present.                                                                                                                  | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new Belgian-German Treaty.                                                                  |
| <i>Ex 39</i><br>( <i>contd.</i> ) | Iron and steel, manufactured— <i>contd.</i><br>Wire, of any section, of any thickness or diameter coppered, nickelled, tinned, or covered with lead or zinc (galvanised), cut in even lengths for a determinate purpose ... ..<br>Copper coated tubes and pipes, produced by hammering, the iron or steel predominating in weight ... ..<br>Other iron or steel manufactures.<br><i>Note.</i> —The fact that the above-mentioned articles are tarred or coated with red lead does not alter their tariff classification.<br>Tin, lead, and zinc, wrought ... ..<br>Gold, silver and platinum—<br>Jewellery, including small chains of whatever length, employed in the manufacture of jewellery or goldsmiths' wares ... ..<br>Goldsmiths' wares ... .. | Frs. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br><br>4 00<br>4 00<br>4 00<br><br>10 % <i>ad val.</i><br><br>Free<br>5 % <i>ad val.</i> | Frs. Cts.<br><i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br><br>3 00<br>3 00<br>4 00<br><br>10 % <i>ad val.</i><br><br>Free<br>5 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| <i>Ex 40</i>                      | Furniture, including clocks, but excluding furniture of solid bentwood ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10 % "                                                                                                                       | 10 % "                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Ex 44</i>                      | Hand-painted pictures, not framed, and photographs not framed ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Free                                                                                                                         | Free                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Ex 46</i>                      | Paper-hangings, except paper-hangings gilt, silvered, bronzed, embossed, or velveted ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>8 00<br>4 00                                                                                       | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>8 00<br>4 00                                                                                       |
| <i>Ex 48</i>                      | Other paper, except cardboard ...<br>Hides and skins, dyed, varnished, lacquered, or morocco leather, and prepared furs ... ..<br>Bootmakers' wares ... ..<br>Gloves ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 30 00<br>10 % <i>ad val.</i><br>10 % "                                                                                       | 30 00<br>10 % <i>ad val.</i><br>10 % "                                                                                       |
| <i>Ex 49</i>                      | Stones, unwrought, cut, or sawn, not specially enumerated ... ..<br><i>NOTE.</i> —All stones properly so-called, except polished or carved stones, are included under the description of "stones, unwrought, cut, or sawn."<br>Sharpening stones and lithographic stones, unwrought, or polished ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Free<br><br>"                                                                                                                | Free<br><br>"                                                                                                                |
| <i>Ex 50</i>                      | Sea-water fish, fresh ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | "                                                                                                                            | "                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Ex 51</i>                      | Gas retorts and crucibles of all kinds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | "                                                                                                                            | "                                                                                                                            |
|                                   | Common pottery not specially mentioned ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>1 25<br>10 % <i>ad val.</i>                                                                        | <i>Per 100 kilogs.</i><br>1 25<br>10 % <i>ad val.</i>                                                                        |
|                                   | Faience and porcelain not specially mentioned ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10 % "                                                                                                                       | 10 % "                                                                                                                       |

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| Tariff No.   | Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Rate of Duty.                   |                                                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | At present.                     | Under the Tariff Schedule of the new Belgian-German Treaty. |
| <i>Ex 53</i> | Chemical products, mentioned below—<br>Sulphates, and sulphites of soda (Glauber's salts, &c.) crystallised and calcined, combined or not with sulphuric or other acids; salts of potassium of all kinds (carbonate, chromate, nitrate, oxalate of potassium; caustic potash, &c.); soda, calcined and crystallised; silicate of soda (soluble glass); alizarine, aniline oil and aniline salt, and other products derived from coal tar; acetate and subacetate (sugar and vinegar) of lead; chloride of potassium; chloride of magnesia (magnesia salt); red lead (red oxide of lead); sulphuric acid, fuming sulphuric acid, sulphuric hydrochlorine (chlorosulphonic acid), sulphuric anhydride; sulphide of zinc (lithopone); alum, including chrome alum; oxalic acid, tartaric acid; artificial alumina, hydrate of alumina, calcined alumina; chromate of soda, caustic soda, ammoniacal salts; chloride of barium; non-alcoholic preparations with base of tin; tannic acid; purified glycerine; non-alcoholic preparations with iodine base; salts of silver ... .. | Frs. Cts.                       | Frs. Cts.                                                   |
| <i>Ex 54</i> | The undermentioned various products for industry—<br>Metal accessories, intended to be applied to articles of basket-maker's and saddler's ware, or to trunks, boxes, or other similar articles for travellers.<br>Attachments, ornaments, or clasps of metal, other than of gold or silver, for albums, hand bags, jewel cases, note-books, book-bindings, cigar cases, card cases, purses, &c.<br>Asbestos in the form of cardboard, felt, discs and sheets; also plaited cords and tissues of asbestos, combined or not with caoutchouc, cotton, or metal mountings, known under the name of engine-packing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Free.<br><br>5 % <i>ad val.</i> | Frce.<br><br>5 % <i>ad val.</i>                             |

*(To be continued.)*

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### ITALY—AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Provisional Commercial Convention\* of the 24th September, 1904, between Italy and Austria-Hungary was denounced by the Austro-Hungarian Government on the 31st August last. The Convention will accordingly go out of operation on the 1st March next, by which date it is hoped that a definitive Commercial Treaty will have been concluded.

#### TURKEY.

Attention is directed to the notice on p. 602 announcing the inauguration at Constantinople by the French Quay Company of a system of storing goods in bond.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington :—

| Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable. | Rate of Duty.                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                               | Dols. cts.                     |
| "Iron bark," "spotted gum," "black butt," sawn ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 195                                           | 1,000 ft. (board measure) 2 00 |
| Acetate of copper ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 694                                           | Free                           |
| Orehil extract, obtained from vegetable sources ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 628                                           | "                              |
| Onions preserved in brine; dutiable as preserved vegetables ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 241                                           | 40 % <i>ad val.</i>            |
| "Panne velvet"; dutiable as a plush ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 386                                           | Lb. 1 00                       |
| Edible fish sounds (including fish maws) ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 23                                            | and 15 % <i>ad val.</i>        |
| Mackerel, frozen, even though in packages of less than one half barrel ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 261                                           | Various rates                  |
| Hat, bonnet, or shawl pins made entirely of metal in imitation of gold or silver, having enamelled or other ornamented heads, or of metal set with imitations of precious stones faceted, or set with pearl ivory paste, or other materials, the mountings ornamented with metal bands, scroll work, or other ornamental designs ... .. | 434                                           | Lb. 0 01                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                               | 60 % <i>ad val.</i>            |

\* See the "Board of Trade Journal" for 20th October, and the 24th November, 1904.



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| Articles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Paragraph<br>of the Tariff<br>under which<br>dutiable. | Rate of Duty.       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                        | Dols. cts.          |
| <i>Hat, shawl, belt, toilet, or lace pins</i> with black heads, faceted or otherwise, or with so-called plain wax paste or glass heads of various colours intended to harmonise with the drapery of the apparel to which attached, or with heads of imitation round and baroque pearls, if not adorned with metal work ... ..                                     | 112<br>or<br>193                                       | 45 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| <i>Metal belt buckles and clasps</i> made respectively of steel, base metal made to imitate gold or silver, and steel and imitation gold or silver more or less elaborately enamelled, and belt buckles elaborately ornamented and composed of base metal made to imitate gold and oxidised silver, set with imitations of diamonds and other precious stones ... | 434                                                    | 60 % „              |
| <i>“Glas stock liquor,”</i> a by-product from the boiling of the blubber and bones of the whale ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 572                                                    | Free                |

**Shortage.**—Where the importer fails to furnish the proof of shortage as required by article 1,452 of the Customs Regulations, the collector is prohibited, in assessing duty, from making allowance for any shortage. When such merchandise is subject to a specific duty per pound, but is imported in packages, and the shortage consists of a number of such packages, it is proper and lawful for the collector to ascertain the weight of the missing packages by applying thereto the average weight of the packages received, and accordingly to assess duty upon the total amount stated in the invoice.

**Flax yarns.**—1. Single flax yarns not finer than 80 lea or number imported in the grey are dutiable under the first provisions of paragraph 331 of the Tariff.

2. Single flax yarns not finer than 80 lea or number not in the grey, the lea or number being taken in the condition as imported, are dutiable under paragraph 347 at the rate of 45 per cent. *ad valorem*.

3. Single flax yarns finer than 80 lea or number, the lea or number being taken in the condition as imported, are dutiable under the last provision of paragraph 331 of the said Act, at the rate of 15 per cent. *ad valorem*.

The *baggage of seamen* discharged at ports in the United States is to be examined for dutiable articles.

*Articles purchased abroad by seamen and officers* for their own use are to be treated as “sea stores” and not as part of the cargo.

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*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*


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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

*Undervaluation.*—*Consignments by a partner resident abroad* to his firm in the United States are “consignments” and not “purchases” within the meaning of the Customs Administrative Act. The importers (consignees) of such goods are therefore *not* entitled (as “purchasers” are) to make additions to the invoice value thereof upon entry so as to raise the value to the “market value,” and are liable for the additional duties required under the Customs Administrative Act in the event of the goods being undervalued.

*Samples of upholstery*, 70 to 80 centimetres in length, and 130 to 140 centimetres in width, imported by commercial travellers, &c., are admitted free of duty.

A recent circular of the Treasury Department contains revised regulations respecting the free importation into the United States of animals for breeding purposes, together with a list of domestic and foreign books of record, and a memorandum of rulings relative to the matter. This circular supersedes that referred to in the notice which appeared at p. 117 of the “Journal” for the 20th October, 1904.

A copy of the revised circular may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**COLOMBIA.**


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The British Vice-Consul at Bogotá (Mr. S. S. Dickson) reports, with reference to the measures taken by the Colombian Government for the dredging and cleaning of the Magdalena River, that the expenses connected with this work are provided for by the fluvial tax on merchandise passing over the river. The sum hitherto collected has been declared insufficient, and a Decree has been issued increasing the dues to 8s. per ton on imports, and 6s. on exports, with the exception of coffee, which is to pay 4s. per ton. All exemptions, excepting food-stuffs produced in the country, have been abolished.

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## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The Board of Trade have been notified, under date of 26th August, by Mr. A. Stuart, Registrar of Imports and Exports at Singapore, that the following announcement has been issued by the local Secretaries of the New York Shipping Conference:—

**Increase of  
Freight Rates to  
New York and  
Boston.**

“Shippers are hereby notified that from to-day the rates of freight to New York and Boston will be advanced to the level of those to London, with the exception of rattans which will be charged at 27s. 6d. per scale; jelutong, 30s.; and tin, 20s. Shippers are, however, given the opportunity of declaring up to 4 o'clock this afternoon their forward sale contracts for September and October shipment for which they have not already taken out shipping orders specifying the articles and quantities.”

Mr. Stuart adds that this assimilation to the rates of the Homeward Conference will have a further restrictive tendency on trade, and strengthen the interests of a few merchants and ship agents who at present receive a special bonus of 5 per cent. on all shipments from the Straits.

### MAURITIUS.

The Acting Collector of Customs of Port Louis has forwarded copy of Ordinance No. 19 of 1905, amending Ordinance 3 of 1890 relating to harbour dues at that port.

**Harbour Dues  
Amendment.**

All vessels abandoned in the harbour and not broken up within three months, or sold and not broken up or fitted for sea within the same period from the date of sale, shall be subject to a harbour fee of two cents per ton of register per month; provided that the said fee shall in no case be less than ten rupees per month.

All vessels used as cargo hulks or receiving ships in the harbour shall be duly licensed as such and while so used shall pay a harbour fee of four cents per month per ton of register without prejudice to any harbour dues that may be claimable upon their leaving the harbour.

### RUSSIA.

The Board of Trade are informed that the Port Authorities, having noted that the mean depth of water over Archangel Bar is now 20½ ft., have decided to increase the maximum draught allowed to vessels crossing the Bar from 18½ ft. to “19½ ft. at the bows and 19½ ft. astern.”

**Increased  
Draught for  
Vessels Crossing  
Archangel Bar.**

The first vessel to cross the Bar drawing 19 ft. 6 in., under the new regulations, left Archangel on the 3rd September.

*Shipping and Transport.***RUSSIA—continued.**

With reference to the notice on p. 169 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th April last, the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. H. Cooke) reports that according to the official "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" of St. Petersburg of 31st August/13th September, the St. Petersburg-Vologda-Viatka Railway will be opened for regular passenger and goods traffic over the whole extent of the line on 1st/14th October next. This new line, now nearing completion, will, by means of the Viatka-Perm-Ekaterinburg-Cheliabinsk line, connect the capital with the Siberian Railway, thus making a new route to and from the Siberian main line. It cuts the existing Moscow-Yaroslav-Archangel line at Vologda, and thus considerably curtails the journey to and from the northern port, so far as St. Petersburg is concerned.

**TURKEY.**

A despatch has been received from H.M. Consul at Constantinople (Mr. H. C. A. Eyres) reporting that a new departure, which may exercise an important influence on the trade of Constantinople, has been made by the inauguration by the French Quay Company, of a system of storing goods in Constantinople under bond.

Bonded warehouses, says the Consul, have long been promised to Constantinople, and at last the Quay Company have come to terms with the Turkish Government for their construction.

The principal warehouse is to be built on the Quay at Stamboul, and will occupy a space of 4,500 square metres. The warehouse actually in use is on the Quay at Galata. No tariff for storage has yet been drawn up; the company are experimenting, and have communicated the charges made at present, with the reserve that they may be modified. The charge for rice and sugar is 15 piastres (2s. 6d.) per ton of 1,000 kilograms for the first fortnight, and 8 piastres (1s. 4d.) for each subsequent fortnight; other more valuable goods, such as cotton goods, coffee, tea, &c., are charged more heavily for the first fortnight, and at the same rate of 8 piastres for subsequent fortnights.

The initial charge includes all costs of transport and handling from lighter to store, and store back to lighter, and weighing.

Insurance is not included.

The company have obtained from the Custom House authorities the facility for goods so stored that, if sent on to another Turkish port, the import duty is only paid at the port of destination. Goods in bulk, such as rice, subsequently cleared for consumption

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in Constantinople, undergo Custom House examination in the warehouse, thus saving the expense of transport to the Custom House.

The owners can take samples from, repack or sort their goods in the warehouse, and they can be divided up for different destinations either Turkish or foreign.

Goods intended for storage should be manifested "Constantinople, Entrepôt douanier des Quais."

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MEXICO.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Legation at Mexico city enclosing translation of a new contract entered into for a period of five years, between the Mexican Government and the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company (the "Ward Line").

The Company, in the new contract, is empowered to establish a direct line of steamers between New York and Coatzacoalcos for the purpose of developing the trans-continental traffic across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, which is expected to arise as soon as the ports of Coatzacoalcos and Salina Cruz, and the intervening railway, are in a position to deal with large quantities of freight.

The translation of the contract may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

A formal investigation was held at Coatbridge on the 24th August into the circumstances attending the explosion of a boiler which occurred in the Dundyvan Iron and Steel Works, Coatbridge, on the 18th July last. The owners (two) and their engineer were blamed for neglecting to have the boiler properly inspected, and were each ordered to pay 10*l.* towards the costs of the investigation.

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**NATAL.**

With reference to the notice on p. 176 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th January last, the "Natal **Bounty on** Government Gazette" of 29th August contains **Gold Production.** a notification to the effect that, subject to the annual vote by Parliament of the necessary funds, a bounty will be paid on gold production in Natal, under conditions specified.

The rate of bounty is 10s. per ounce of fine gold won, on which the claim to payment of bounty is proved before 30th June, 1906, provided that the total amount of 1,000l., to which the bounty for the financial year is limited, be not previously exceeded.

The "Gazette" containing the conditions may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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**FRANCE—MADAGASCAR.**

The following particulars of the development of the gold industry of Madagascar are taken from the report of the **Gold** Director of Mines, published in the "Bulletin **Production.** économique de Madagascar":—

The export of gold during 1904 amounted to 2,460 kilogs. as compared with 1,910 kilogs. in 1903, an increase of over 28 per cent. The production last year was 2,552 kilogs., valued at 7,656,000 francs.

The number of prospector's permits issued was 1,903, against 553 in 1903. This development is considered to be due to a large extent to the uneasiness in general business in 1904. It seems, therefore, likely to be transitory and not to be counted on to show a proportionate advance in succeeding years. On the other hand, no considerable relapse is likely to take place. Numerous applications continue to be made for permission to carry out researches in the Tsinjoarivo district, where it frequently happens that old claims, only just abandoned, are taken again by new prospectors.

The success obtained in the eastern part of the island by certain prospectors, in the Provinces of Mananjary, Betsimisaraka in the south, the districts of Beforana, Fetraomby, and the Province of Fenerive have directed efforts to that side. The west coast has not been exploited to the same extent, although probably rich in the precious mineral also. Certain points have been worked with hopeful results, viz.:—Ankavandoa, Tsimivolovolo, Betsiriry, and Imaina, and a more definite attempt at exploiting these regions may come with the increasing prospecting in the island.

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## YARNS AND TEXTILES.

### INDIA.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the monthly return issued by the Indian Government, showing the quantity of cotton yarn spun, and of cotton woven goods produced, in each province in British India, and in the Native States, during May. May of each of the years 1903, 1904, and 1905, and in the two months, April and May, 1903, 1904, and 1905.

The following is a summarised statement extracted from the above returns, giving particulars for the two months ended May, 1903, 1904, and 1905 :—

|                                                 | Two Months ended May. |            |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
|                                                 | 1903.                 | 1904.      | 1905.       |
| <b>BRITISH INDIA, BEHAR, AND NATIVE STATES.</b> |                       |            |             |
| Cotton yarn spun ... .. Lbs.                    | 99,012,664            | 86,661,096 | 114,307,200 |
| Cotton woven goods produced :—                  |                       |            |             |
| Grey goods ... .. { = Yards                     | 18,616,914            | 19,672,694 | 22,741,923  |
| Figured and coloured goods Lbs.                 | 77,938,341            | 85,145,421 | 96,281,897  |
| Hosiery ... .. "                                | 2,748,229             | 3,251,667  | 3,873,413   |
| Miscellaneous goods ... .. "                    | 63,426                | 70,243     | 48,984      |
|                                                 | 266,843               | 318,146    | 400,289     |

### ITALY.

H.M. Consul-General at Naples (Mr. E. Neville Rolfe, M.V.O.) states that a good deal of uneasiness has been caused there among silk growers and weavers by the introduction of an artificial product so much resembling silk that it has been feared that its low price may undersell the genuine article and cause the difficulties of the silk trade to be further accentuated. As during the past few years a vast amount of capital has been put into the silk trade, notably in the province of Caserta, which adjoins that of Naples, the matter has attracted considerable attention.

The artificial silk is produced in several ways, all, however, having cellulose as their basis. Hence what is called artificial silk is nothing but cellulose or vegetable fibre more or less modified in its molecular composition and in its physical structure, but chemically little if at all different from its original material, while between real silk and such materials as cotton and linen the difference is that the former contains azotes to the amount of rather more than one-sixth of its weight, and the latter contains none at all.

It must be admitted, continues Mr. Neville Rolfe, that artificial silk has a fine lustre, but on the other hand it has many important

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drawbacks. It will not stand being pulled, it has but little elasticity, its specific gravity is far greater than that of silk, it is very inflammable, and at the slightest action of water or even of damp it tears easily. No doubt as methods improve artificial silk will become better and cheaper, but the variety of the processes and the expense of the plant make it doubtful that it can ever fall below certain tolerably high limits. The competition will not be so much with real silk as with other kinds of imitation silk, such as the cotton fabrics prepared to imitate silks very closely at a cost of from 1s. to 5s. per lb., which have the advantage over artificial silk that they can be woven in any form that is desired. This product has competed seriously with the lower kinds of silk, and especially with the fabrics made out of the refuse of the silk factories, and however much the artificial silk may improve in manufacture and fall in price, it will only rank with ordinary cotton silk, and the true material will always maintain its deserved supremacy. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,496.*)

In connection with the foregoing, it may be noted that an article descriptive of the preparation and properties of artificial silk appeared in the "Bulletin of the Imperial Institute," Vol. II., 1904, p. 266.

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## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 23rd September, 1905, were as follows:—

|        |     |     |     |           |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | 26s. 8d.  |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | 23s. 10d. |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | 15s. 11d. |

For further particulars see p. 613.

A statement is published on p. 614, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 23rd September, 1905, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1904.

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*Agriculture.***NATAL.**

Adverting to the notice which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 18th August, 1904, p. 320, respecting the proposals of the Natal Government in regard to the opening up of Zululand, the Board of Trade have been notified by their correspondent at Durban (Mr. A. D. C. Agnew) that an official notice has been published by the Natal Government in the "Gazette" of 29th August, inviting applications for sugar and other coast farms in Zululand, upon terms specified.

Leases will be for a period of 99 years, but no rent will be charged for the first two years. Only one farm will be allotted to each applicant.

Lands are of three classes :—

|                              |     |       |                            |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|----------------------------|
| 1st class, sugar land        | ... | ...   | rent 2s. per acre per ann. |
| 2nd „ land for sugar and     |     |       |                            |
| mixed farming                | ... | „ 1s. | „                          |
| 3rd „ land for mixed farming |     | „ 6d. | „                          |

The "Gazette," containing the terms under which applications will be received, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.).

**FEDERATED MALAY STATES.**

The Report on Experimental Plantations in the Federated Malay States in 1904 states that agricultural interest in those States is almost entirely centred in the cultivation of the "Para" rubber tree. This cultivation has now got well beyond the experimental stage, and there is no longer any doubt as to whether the tree is suited to the conditions obtaining in the Federated Malay States, or whether its cultivation will prove remunerative. Tapping on a commercial scale has commenced on several estates, the exports for the year ending 31st December last amounting to 105 pikuls (about 14,000 lbs.) valued at over 28,000 dols. ; but, as the oldest estates are just coming into bearing, this amount will be greatly exceeded in the near future. The prices realised have exceeded the most sanguine expectations, having averaged almost 1s. per lb. more than "fine Para," the price of which has advanced nearly 30 per cent. during the last twelve months. The fact that "plantation Para" advanced 1s. 6d. per lb. during the year 1904, as against a rise of 1s. 2d. per lb. for "fine Para" would seem to show that, in the opinion of the manufacturer, the value of "plantation Para"

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increases on acquaintance. The Report adds:—"There is little doubt, if the quality is kept up to the present high level, that if the supply of high grade rubber ever exceeds the demand, the cultivated product will be the last to suffer; moreover, it seems more than probable that, owing to its quality, the facility and comparatively low cost at which it can be harvested, 'plantation Para' will eventually oust the native product from the markets of the world."

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### RUSSIA.

According to reports furnished by the provincial Governors to the Russian Ministry of the Interior, a failure of autumn and spring crops is now substantiated in the provinces of Voronej, Vladimir, Tver, Samara, Saratov, Simbirsk, Tambov, Tula, and Riazan, and in parts of those of Orel and Kherson. Unsatisfactory returns of the rye crops also come from the Astrakhan, Vitebsk, Vologda, Viatka, Kasan, Nijni-Novgorod, Pskov, and Petersburg provinces.

In most of the above provinces the local resources in money and produce prove to be inadequate for the autumn sowing owing to the poor harvests of recent years. The provinces of Astrakhan, Vladimir, Nijni-Novgorod, Orel, Petersburg, Riazan, and Tula form exceptions to this rule, while five million roubles have had to be assigned from the general "alimentary capital" of the Empire, in the shape of loans to the rest of the destitute population. The purchase of seed-corn and its distribution is being carried out, and hence the autumn sowing may be held to be assured. Grain stores are being organised in the provinces of Saratov, Orel, Tambov, Riazan, and Tula.

H.M. Ambassador at St. Petersburg (Sir Charles Hardinge, G.C.M.G.), in forwarding the foregoing particulars from the "Official Messenger," remarks that it is elsewhere estimated that nearly two and-a-half millions sterling will be required to meet the distress in the five Governments most seriously affected, viz., Tula, Riazan, Saratov, Orel and Tambov.

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### OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

A recent French Consular report on Mersina states that the cultivation of cotton and sesame in that district might be increased tenfold by canalisation works in connection with the three parallel rivers which traverse the plain. A French company is planning to obtain the concession from the Turkish Government for irrigation works there.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom, during the week ended the 21st September, 1905, **Cotton Statistics.** was 53,455, and the number imported during the 38 weeks ended the 21st September was 2,846,877 (including 3,879 bales British West Indian and 3,037 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 21st September, 1905, 10,319 bales, and for the 38 weeks, 302,288.

For further details see p. 613.

### BRITISH INDIA.

According to a memorandum received at the Board of Trade through the India Office, the quantity of beer brewed in India in 1904 amounted to 6,219,761 gallons, of which 46 per cent. was bought by the Army Commissariat. There are 27 breweries, of which one at Delhi did not work. All are private property except six which are owned by five joint stock companies with nominal capital of Rs. 24,80,000, of which Rs. 23,89,110 was paid up at the end of 1904-05. Twelve of the breweries are situated at stations in the Himalayas from Murree to Darjeeling, and much of the beer is brewed there. A large quantity is also brewed at Lucknow, Rawalpindi, Poona, Bangalore, Jubbulpore, at and near Ootacamund, and at Quetta and Mandalay. The largest of the breweries is at Murree, the Kasauli and Poona breweries standing next. More than one-third of the whole production is brewed in the Panjab.

The quantity of beer brewed in India and imported compare as follows, in gallons:—

| Year.    | Brewed in India. | Year ended 31st March. | Imported. |
|----------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1900 ... | 4,947,841        | 1900-01 ...            | 3,226,534 |
| 1901 ... | 5,554,453        | 1901-02 ...            | 3,673,852 |
| 1902 ... | 6,474,860        | 1902-03 ...            | 3,820,938 |
| 1903 ... | 6,067,041        | 1903-04 ...            | 4,062,016 |
| 1904 ... | 6,219,761        | 1904-05 ...            | 4,606,827 |

### NATAL.

The Board of Trade have received from their Correspondent at Durban (Mr. A. D. C. Agnew) a copy of a notice issued by the Controller of Excise in Natal, calling the attention of all wine and spirit merchants and dealers, and other persons concerned, to the provisions of Section 17, Sub-section 2, of Act No. 25, 1905, which provides as follows:—

**Notice as to  
Labelling of  
Wines and  
Spirits.**

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. "No dealer or retailer, or person offering or exposing for sale spirits and wines, colonial or imported, shall label or have labels on such spirits and wines in such a way and with such words as shall be likely to deceive any person as to the true description of such spirits and wines. Every such label shall clearly state the name of the country or origin of such spirits or wines."

The provisions of this sub-section will be put into force on and after the 1st day of December, 1905.

Merchants should when placing their orders inform the suppliers accordingly, so that the proper labelling can take place.

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**RUSSIA.**

Referring to the notice on pp. 376-7 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 24th August, the British Commercial Agent in Russia (Mr. H. Cooke) reports that the turnover of the Nijni Fair is estimated at 130,000,0000 roubles (nearly 14,000,000*l.*), and is considered average. Money was free, and payments regular. Protests were fewer than last year, and there was but one small case of insolvency.

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**TUNIS.**

H.M. Consul General at Tunis (Mr. E. J. L. Berkeley, C.B.) reports that a new company, called La Société Franco-Africaine des Pâtes d'Alfa has been formed in Tunis to undertake the local manufacture of paper from esparto grass by means of a new process discovered by a French chemist, M. de Montessus. At present Algeria and Tunisia export annually about 200,000 tons of this grass, which is almost exclusively shipped to the United Kingdom. The new process consists in rendering soluble the gum and resin contained in the grass by means of fermentation produced by bacteria. The grass is then washed in a carbonate solution so as to separate, intact and free from foreign bodies, the cellulous fibres which constitute a paste similar to that used in the United Kingdom for the manufacture of paper. This fermentation process is said to give exactly the same results as the British process, and it is alleged that it will reduce the present manufacturing price by 175 fr. per ton. It is not improbable that the company will seek to obtain special advantages for the collection of the esparto grass which they will need. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,492.*)

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

According to a report from the German Consul at St. Paul,

**Utilisation of  
Tree Stumps in  
Minnesota.**

Minnesota, a new industry is now being developed in the north of that State. The stumps of fir trees, which have hitherto been unused and commercially valueless, are now distilled, and turpentine and tar and tar oil obtained therefrom. The charcoal left behind is not so heavy as that obtained from hardwood, but it is of good quality, and finds a ready market. Although the new industry is still in its infancy, about 30 barrels of turpentine, 50 barrels of tar, 30 barrels of tar oil, and several car-loads of charcoal are shipped each month. At present four retorts are in operation, each of which takes about 20 cubic yards of wood stumps. The process in the retort occupies about five days, and the procedure is such that the turpentine obtained differs considerably in odour from that of the ordinary turpentine of trade. At first this circumstance prevented its sale, but experiments with the new product have shown that it is of good quality and is as usable as the qualities at present sold. In view of the immense quantities of wood stumps which exist, it is expected that the new industry will become of considerable importance to the State.

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**ARGENTINA.**

A despatch from H.M. Legation at Buenos Ayres reports that the

**Import and  
Export Trade.**

Argentine Trade Statistics for the first six months of 1905, just published, show large increases over the corresponding period of 1904.

The total imports for the past half year amounted to 19,115,000*l.* an increase of 1,181,000*l.* over the same period of 1904; the total exports reached 35,144,700*l.*, an increase of 6,283,000*l.*

The most striking features are the large exports of frozen beef and wheat, the shipments of frozen mutton and of sugar showing a tendency to decrease.

The importation of coal was 708,667 tons, an increase of 45,153 tons for the half year, though the first quarter showed a decrease of 1,885 tons. It all comes from the United Kingdom.

The import of alfalfa (lucerne) seed amounted to 3,494 tons, an increase of 3,360 tons; that of other seeds 3,360 tons, an increase of 1,869 tons, showing the great extension in the area of cultivation which is going on.

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**CHINA.**

In continuation of the abstract of statistics of the trade of China, published by the Imperial Maritime Customs, a

**Postal Facilities.** report on the work of the Post Office has been issued from the same office. The report is dated May, 1905, and states that the Imperial Post Office is to be found,

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and all postal business can be transacted, in every provincial capital of the Empire, in most prefectural and district cities, and in the more important smaller centres and towns throughout China. The total number of establishments on the 31st December, 1904, was 1,319.

Communication between Imperial establishments is kept up by means of contract steamers on the coast and large rivers; by railways where they exist; by steam launches, junks, or hong-boats on the inland waterways; and on the numerous overland routes, which now measure over 101,000 li (33,000 miles) in length, by mounted or foot couriers.

The whole system works satisfactorily, cases of loss, misbehaviour, or peculation being of extremely rare occurrence.

Divided between the four large geographical divisions of China, the results for 1904 can be summarised as follows:—

| —                                   |     |     |     | Establishments. | Articles.  | Parcels. |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|------------|----------|
| North China—                        |     |     |     |                 |            |          |
| Peking to Kiaochow                  | ... | ... |     | 344             | 19,000,000 | 197,000  |
| Central China—                      |     |     |     |                 |            |          |
| Kiukiang to Chungking               | ... | ... |     | 324             | 12,000,000 | 161,000  |
| Lower Yangtze—                      |     |     |     |                 |            |          |
| Wuhu to Hangchow                    | ... | ... |     | 224             | 25,000,000 | 299,000  |
| Southern China and Yunnan Stations. |     |     |     | 427             | 10,000,000 | 115,000  |
| Total                               | ... | ... | ... | 1,319           | 66,000,000 | 772,000  |

**JAPAN.**

With reference to the notice published on p. 414 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st June last, relative to the establishment of a Government monopoly of salt in Japan, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, a complete translation of the Salt Monopoly Law.

This translation may be inspected by persons interested at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 38 Weeks ended 21st September, 1905 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>21st Sept.,<br>1905. | 38 Weeks<br>ended<br>21st Sept.,<br>1905. | Week ended<br>21st Sept.,<br>1905. | 38 Weeks<br>ended<br>21st Sept.,<br>1905. |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)               |                                           | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)               |                                           |
|                      | No.                                | No.                                       | No.                                | No.                                       |
| American ... ..      | 37,565                             | 2,350,967                                 | 7,072                              | 206,746                                   |
| Brasilian ... ..     | 4,299                              | 57,632                                    | —                                  | 549                                       |
| East Indian ... ..   | 2,250                              | 49,071                                    | 714                                | 14,697                                    |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 7,940                              | 328,049                                   | 2,451                              | 75,018                                    |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 1,401                              | 61,158*                                   | 82                                 | 5,278                                     |
| Total ... ..         | 53,455                             | 2,846,877                                 | 10,319                             | 302,288                                   |

\* Including 3,879 bales British West Indian and 3,037 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 23rd September, 1905, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|                                        |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|----------------------------------------|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                        |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                                        |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Week ended 23rd September, 1905 ... .. |  | 26             | 8  | 23      | 10 | 15    | 11 |
| Corresponding week in—                 |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1898 ... ..                            |  | 23             | 9  | 27      | 0  | 16    | 7  |
| 1899 ... ..                            |  | 25             | 6  | 26      | 11 | 16    | 5  |
| 1900 ... ..                            |  | 28             | 9  | 26      | 1  | 17    | 2  |
| 1901 ... ..                            |  | 25             | 10 | 25      | 10 | 17    | 2  |
| 1902 ... ..                            |  | 26             | 6  | 26      | 4  | 18    | 0  |
| 1903 ... ..                            |  | 27             | 0  | 24      | 0  | 16    | 2  |
| 1904 ... ..                            |  | 29             | 10 | 25      | 10 | 15    | 9  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

### Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 23rd September, 1905, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|                                              |             | Week ended<br>23rd Sept.,<br>1905. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1904. |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living :—</b>                    |             |                                    |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..         | Number.     | 10,801                             | 11,147                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..                       | "           | 1,348                              | 5,065                               |
| Swine ... ..                                 | "           | —                                  | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..                                | "           | 166                                | 178                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat :—</b>                         |             |                                    |                                     |
| Beef ... ..                                  | Cwts.       | 130,112                            | 85,571                              |
| Mutton ... ..                                | "           | 54,050                             | 39,124                              |
| Pork ... ..                                  | "           | 8,954                              | 13,622                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat :—</b>           |             |                                    |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..                                 | Cwts.       | 118,814                            | 103,420                             |
| Beef ... ..                                  | "           | 4,082                              | 1,844                               |
| Hams ... ..                                  | "           | 19,605                             | 16,988                              |
| Pork ... ..                                  | "           | 4,218                              | 5,901                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh ...      | "           | 11,206                             | 8,168                               |
| Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting... | "           | 15,605                             | 17,930                              |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes :—</b>      |             |                                    |                                     |
| Butter ... ..                                | Cwts.       | 97,139                             | 67,698                              |
| Margarine ... ..                             | "           | 19,964                             | 17,815                              |
| Cheese ... ..                                | "           | 59,375                             | 70,345                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..         | "           | —                                  | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..                               | "           | 100                                | 28                                  |
| " condensed ... ..                           | "           | 14,452                             | 14,225                              |
| " preserved, other kinds... ..               | "           | 61                                 | 54                                  |
| Eggs ... ..                                  | Grt. Hundr. | 465,384                            | 386,359                             |
| Poultry ... ..                               | Value £     | 2,670                              | 3,190                               |
| Game ... ..                                  | "           | 2,801                              | 2,146                               |
| Rabbits, dead (not tinned) ... ..            | Cwts.       | 16,048                             | 30,481                              |
| Lard ... ..                                  | "           | 88,887                             | 27,619                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—</b>       |             |                                    |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..                                 | Cwts.       | 1,953,600                          | 1,612,400                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..                  | "           | 216,000                            | 273,700                             |
| Barley ... ..                                | "           | 623,100                            | 645,200                             |
| Oats ... ..                                  | "           | 810,800                            | 303,900                             |
| Peas ... ..                                  | "           | 58,740                             | 35,360                              |
| Beans ... ..                                 | "           | 102,160                            | 97,320                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..                  | "           | 1,839,800                          | 970,200                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw :—</b>                         |             |                                    |                                     |
| Apples ... ..                                | Cwts.       | 83,415                             | 71,504                              |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..                  | "           | 5                                  | 234                                 |
| Bananas ... ..                               | Bunches.    | 178,820                            | 60,624                              |
| Cherries ... ..                              | Cwts.       | —                                  | —                                   |
| Currants ... ..                              | "           | —                                  | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..                          | "           | —                                  | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..                                | "           | 82,508                             | 43,884                              |
| Lemons ... ..                                | "           | 8,041                              | 7,090                               |
| Oranges ... ..                               | "           | 1,088                              | 3,512                               |
| Pears ... ..                                 | "           | 27,063                             | 31,019                              |
| Plums ... ..                                 | "           | 12,814                             | 11,552                              |
| Strawberries ... ..                          | "           | —                                  | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..                          | "           | 23,294                             | 10,078                              |
| Hay ... ..                                   | Tons.       | 8,206                              | 1,761                               |
| Straw ... ..                                 | "           | 1,786                              | 1,594                               |
| Moss Litter. (Not shown in 1904) ...         | "           | 1,682                              | —                                   |
| Hops ... ..                                  | Cwts.       | 1,078                              | 8,580                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..                          | "           | 12,360                             | —                                   |
| <b>Vegetables, raw :—</b>                    |             |                                    |                                     |
| Onions ... ..                                | Bushels.    | 181,928                            | 142,129                             |
| Potatoes ... ..                              | Cwts.       | 24,927                             | 64,167                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..                              | "           | 19,178                             | 18,679                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..                          | Value £     | 1,416                              | 3,122                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried</b>                     | Cwts.       | 2,581                              | 12,023                              |
| Preserved by canning... ..                   | "           | 8,816                              | 8,167                               |



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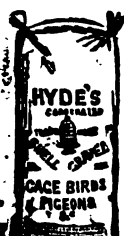


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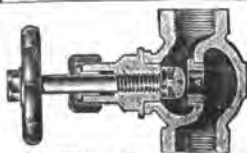
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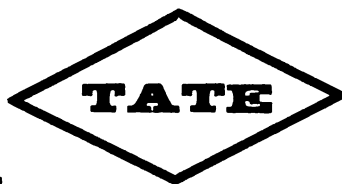
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